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Deputy Oscar Hnanicek works the security checkpoint at the main entrance to the Berrien County Courthouse. Strict temporary requirements at the courthouse have been put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and court officials say hurdles will have to be met before a complete return to normalcy can occur.

Order in the court

Area officials adapt during pandemic, plan gradual return to normalcy

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Before the coronavirus outbreak hit, dozens of people typically lined the hallways at the Berrien County Courthouse, waiting for their case to be called.

Now, anyone entering the building must answer a series of health-related questions and wear a face mask, most of the chairs that line the hallways are roped off with caution tape, some doors are propped open to limit touching, and hallways throughout the courthouse are eerily empty.

The Michigan Supreme Court issued an order on March 18 limiting activities and assemblages in court facilities throughout the state.

Trial courts were ordered to limit access to courtrooms and other spaces to no more than 10 people, including staff, to practice social distancing and limit court activity to only essential functions.

Jury trials were adjourned and courts were ordered to, as much as possible, conduct essential hearings remotely using two-way interactive video technology.

Social distancing guidelines are being enforced at the Berrien County Courthouse.

The Michigan Supreme Court now has developed guidelines for courts to return to full capacity. How soon courts complete the four-phase plan will be unique to each court, with each chief judge relying on public health information from their local health authorities.

"We cannot have 559 different plans," the Supreme Court noted in its COVID-19 Guidelines for Michigan's Judiciary. "Ultimately, by using the phased approach provided in these guidelines, courts statewide will return to full capacity on their own timelines."

Each phase of the plan relies on a 14-day downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases, so the plan will be unique to each county. Each court must submit their plans to

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Berrien steps up testing in long-term care facilities

Officials see encouraging trends locally

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) will ramp up its surveillance of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities next week, health officials reported Friday.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD, said during the department's weekly news conference that because more testing supplies are available, each facility would now have an allotment of tests to do spot testing of residents and staff.

"We've been doing a lot of work in nursing homes already," she said. "Now they'll be able to do more testing when people are symptomatic or they suspect someone might be infected."

Britten said this will help the county get a really good picture, on a regular basis, on what's going on in these facilities.

The county's long-term care facilities have seen a number of clusters of COVID-19 cases. Older persons and those with underlying health conditions are more susceptible to contracting the virus.

She said there is a link between the community spread of COVID-19 and the cases seen in nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even though they aren't allowing visitors right now.

"The short answer is that the staff that work there are those who are in the community as well as in the facility," Britten said. "When we see a case pop up, it's usually because there's an asymptomatic staff member."

She said a lot of these staff also have second jobs in other fields.

"We've learned, through contact tracing, that some of these people might work in a grocery store, or somewhere like that," Britten said. "We've been working with the facilities to really cohort staff so they're working one essential job at a time to help minimize that risk."

It's also just close-contact work, getting people fed, dressed and to the bathroom.

She said these facilities have much better personal protective equipment than they had even just a month ago, so they're much better prepared going forward.

Britten reported that 500 tests were collected during a mass testing event of long-term care facility staff and residents on Thursday.

Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said they expect to see a small bump in the number of COVID-19 cases the county has with the amount of testing happening, but that it is helpful information to have.

Britten said she has seen some encouraging local data trends this week.

"We're seeing a flattening, and almost a decrease in our hospital admissions," she said. "We're also seeing the percent of tests that are coming back positive more flat compared to earlier in May, even though we're doing a lot more testing. So that's encouraging news."

Berrien County has about 5.7 percent of its tests coming back positive as of Wednesday, according to the state's Safe Start Map.

Count update

There are now about 92 active COVID-19 cases in Berrien County, 16 less than on Thursday.

The county added seven confirmed cases Friday, 23 recoveries and zero deaths. There are 613 cumulative cases, 472 recoveries and 49 deaths.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating nine COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning, with three patients in the intensive care unit. That's the same number as on Thursday.

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'I can't breathe' a rally cry anew for police protests in U.S.

By COLLEEN LONG and DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "I can't breathe."

Eric Garner uttered those words six years ago, locked in a police chokehold. It became a rallying cry after his death for demonstrators across the country who protested the killings of African Americans by police.

Then came the 2016 presidential election of Donald Trump. As the political divide widened, so much competed for the nation's attention – Russian interference in the election, debates over immigration, and impeachment – and with a new Justice Department shifting civil rights priorities, the moment slowly faded from the national stage.

Until this week. George Floyd uttered the exact same words, while handcuffed and pinned at the neck under the knee of a white police officer, galvanizing the movement anew and prompting mass protests around the country.

"There is something happening at this moment," said activist Carmen Perez. "It's not that the police killings stopped, it's just that we were refocusing our direction toward Donald Trump because we also felt this need to come together to call him out."

It's possible, though, with the nation just emerging from weeks of stay-at-home orders imposed to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, people have fewer distractions and can refocus on the issue, she said.

The swift firing of the officers involved, the empathetic response from the Minneapolis mayor who also called for criminal charges, and the unusual public criticism of the officer's actions from law enforcement nationwide have done nothing to quell the anger or calls for justice.

That's in part because killings continue to happen. Floyd's death came after Ahmaud Arbery was shot to death in Georgia by a former district attorney investigator and his son, who were not arrested until after video emerged months later. An

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Protestors demonstrate outside of a burning Minneapolis 3rd Police Precinct on Thursday, in Minneapolis. Protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in police custody Monday, broke out in Minneapolis for a third straight night.

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VIRUS

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The Van Buren Cass District Health Department reported its weekly number of recovered individuals Friday.

There are now 79 people recovered in Van Buren County and 35 people recovered in Cass County.

Another death was reported in Cass County on Friday, bringing the total to three. Cass County hadn't had a COVID-19 death since late April.

The county added no new cases Friday, keeping the cumulative total at 80. With the deaths and recoveries, Cass County has about 42 active cases.

Van Buren County added two cases Friday, rising the cumulative case total to 136. The county still has six deaths. With the deaths and recoveries, the county now has about 51 active cases.

Van Buren County has about 4.4 percent of its tests coming back positive, while Cass has about 7.7 percent.

Reopening

Britten said the health department has been working with businesses that are reopening to make sure they have the proper health and safety measures put in place, plus the necessary knowledge should someone does come up positive.

"It probably will happen, so how do you make it so your whole team isn't out on quarantine, or worse, sick," she said.

Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit reported during the news conference that the county has extended its local state of emergency this week through June 19.

Heit said the extension is needed to ensure the county has access to enough supplies and resources to continue to fight the pandemic locally, especially as things reopen.

Hamel said the hospital has learned during the pandemic that if you wear the proper equipment and do proper social distancing, no one has to get sick.

"We've had zero transmissions to staff within our COVID-19 unit," he said. "That's very reassuring."

Hamel said if you keep your hands clean, wear masks and are socially distant from others, you'll be safe.

"Those things will absolutely decrease the incidents of disease and we will open faster if we behave better," he said.

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, or shortness of breath, should seek testing.

To get a diagnostic COVID-19 test, call your doctor to arrange a test or contact a testing site: Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, 833-559-0659; Inter-Care in Benton Harbor and Bangor, 855-869-6900; Rite Aid in Bridgman, www.rite aid.com; Walmart in Benton Township, www. MyQuest COVIDTest.com; Bronson Lakeview Family Care in Paw Paw, 341-7788; or Ascension Lee Medical Group in Dowagiac, 782-1500.

Pre-screening and appointments are required at all testing sites, but not all require a doctor's order.

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LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
QH-3C-10D-4H-8H
Midday Daily 3
3-8-2
Midday Daily 4
1-2-9-5
Daily 3
8-2-0
Daily 4
3-2-9-2
Fantasy 5
03-18-31-35-39
Keno
02-05-18-25-34-36-38-39-43-45-54-56-57-60-62-63-64-66-67-70-75-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$336 million
Powerball jackpot
$125 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
19-32-34-41-44
Cash4Life
07-08-12-14-39, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-04-09-13-14-29-31-41-52-56-59-60-65-67-68-72-74-77-79-80, BE: 4
Daily Three-Midday
4-4-4, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
9-2-4, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
9-6-7-0, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
3-0-9-3, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
03-05-08-09-11-12-23-28-29-32-40-51-52-57-60-62-65-70-74-79, BE: 40

Illinois

Lotto
07-17-22-24-34-42, Extra Shot: 17
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-09-17-26-33
Estimated jackpot
$250,000
Pick Three-Midday
0-4-9, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
4-1-0, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
5-9-1-8, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
3-0-9-9, Fireball: 6
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the State Court Administrative Office and gain approval to enter each phase.

Berrien County Trial Court received approval Thursday to enter Phase 1. Key components of the plan include screening anyone entering the building with a series of questions, having clear markings for social distancing, plus requiring face masks. Court Administrator Carrie Smietanka-Haney said that although some people have been tested, there have been no positive tests for COVID-19 from within the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph or Niles, or at the Juvenile Center in Berrien Center.

"We've been very lucky," she said.

Chief Judge Mabel Mayfield said that as the first orders came down in March, the court immediately began to rotate staff in the building, with most people working remotely. She credits the county's Information Systems department for quickly expanding remote capacity and workers for adapting to it.

"We walked into this in mid-March, and everything happened so fast," she said.

Mayfield said she has finalized two adoptions remotely and finalized a divorce with a woman using Zoom on her cell phone in a car.

"She was a passenger, but I still asked them to pull over because of the traffic noise. We would proceed just as if in court, so we have to meet the standards for transcription," the judge said. She said the woman had received help with her divorce filing from the court's Self-Help Legal Resources.

"She (the client) had a time that she was to call in, and she called in from the car," Mayfield said.

The judge said the positive side of the sudden changes is the discovery that there might be a more efficient way to do some things.

For example, with a divorce docket in normal times, people all appear at the same time and wait, sometimes for hours, for their case to be called. Now, she said, clients are given a specific time to call the judge to conduct a hearing remotely.

"We've greatly expanded our remote capacity thanks to Information Systems, and it's working very well," Smietanka-Haney said.

Mayfield and Smietanka-Haney said that in the midst of a crisis, they could not ask for better employees.

"It's been about collaboration, cooperation and imagination, to ensure public safety and justice," Mayfield said.

Smietanka-Haney said courts throughout Michigan have implemented creative ways to balance public health and justice.

Van Buren County

Frank Hardester, trial court administrator for Van Buren County Courts, said the court has long talked about the possibility of some employees working from home. Now, about half of them are, he said.

"Our goal has always been to communicate and be accessible and transparent. We've always done a lot online or by video, so now we've expanded that," Hardester said. "And if someone needs to file something, they can email it or drop it in a box outside the building. Then we process those things within the court. Employees are checking their voice mail and email more than in the past."

Hardester said he submitted the court's plan to enter Phase 1 on Thursday and was expecting to enter that phase Monday.

"The big question is, when do we return to jury trials? That's been a big question," he said.

Because the first three phases of the plan to return to full capacity limit the number of people allowed in one room to 10, in-person jury selection is impossible, and a 12-person jury would exceed the number of people allowed in a courtroom.

Hardester and Van Buren County Chief Judge Kathleen Brickley are on a committee that is conducting a mock trial using a jury remotely.

"Right now we're focusing on the technicalities. For example, the assumption would be that you want the jury to be tech-savy. But if you're using only people who are tech-savy, that's not a cross section of people," he said.

"Another question is would every juror have a quiet room in their home in which to watch a case," he added. Also, there may be no way to confine jurors together to deliberate in secret once they get a case.

Hardester predicts that the days of "cattle calls," requiring dozens of people to come to court and wait for their case to be called might be a thing of the past.

"This (conducting proceedings remotely) has forced the court to follow a little bit of a schedule. Right now we have what I think of as an online waiting room," he said. "Change is always difficult in any organization. But when you're forced to make a dramatic change, the bottom line is we're open and people are thankful."

For the public, Van Buren courts are live-streaming some of their proceedings, and was the first court in Michigan to do so. Viewers can go to www.vbco.org, click on courts, and find instructions and links for viewing or taking part in court online.

People can obtain a copy of a court proceeding by filling out an online form, and the $20 fee has been removed.

Hardester said people involved in a criminal case that is being held by Zoom should remember that once they are connected, they are in a courtroom.

"You need to be in a quiet space, avoid distractions, and not be eating or drinking or wearing a hat," he said.

Specialty courts are a bit different. For example, if a drug court client is meeting with a judge, probation officer or caseworker by video, "It's not as formal. If someone is outside, petting a horse, that's OK. This has forced us to understand there are many services we could provide in a different format," Hardester said.

A slow return to normal

In Berrien County, Mayfield and Smietanka-Haney said things will not look much different as the court enters Phase 1 of the plan to return to full capacity.

"Public access will stay as remote as possible," Smietanka-Haney said. "You have to be in each phase for at least 14 days before moving on, and if there is a surge in cases, you go back."

By Phase 3, the public has more access to the buildings, but social distancing is still in place, and court should still be held remotely as much as possible. She said the court hopes to be in Phase 3 by July.

Hardester said Van Buren's goal is to enter Phase 2 by July.

"We're taking a 30-day approach for each phase," he said.

Mayfield said that even when the court is back to full capacity, things will never be exactly as they were.

"We've discovered some efficiencies with enhanced technology," she said. "We've definitely identified some areas of efficiency that will remain in place. Virtual court will never go away."

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Showtime	Kill Bill: Vol. 2	★★ Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly. CC				:10 ★★ Mile 22 ('18, Action) CC	
Starz	Black and Blue ('19)	Vida "Episode 17"	:38 Vida "Episode 18" CC		:16 Vida CC	9:58 Vida CC	:45 Vida CC
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Stepmom goes a step too far claiming children as her own

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My former husband had an affair years ago, and when our divorce was final, he married the woman he was involved with. I'll call her "Libby."

Although I have moved on, it bothers me when she refers to my children as "her children." I have asked her to stop, but she continues to talk about "her daughter" and "her son" and insists it's a term of endearment and it shouldn't bother me. My children don't like Libby, so if she's trying to get the world to believe they're one big happy family, it isn't working.

I think it's rude of her to insist on telling people that these are her children. It's as if Libby not only took my husband, but she's also claiming to be the mother of my children. How should I handle this wretched person who refuses to get it? – Real Mom In Kentucky

DEAR MOM: Libby gets it, and she may persist in doing it in order to get your goat. But this is not a battle you should pick. It's possible "Stepmom" may simply be trying to acknowledge her role in the parenting equation.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate to confront someone in a restroom about not washing their hands, whether at work or in public? I noticed at work that some of my co-workers walk right past the sink or rinse their hands with water for a second and then leave. I think washing your hands thoroughly with soap is more important now than ever, and not washing hands is a health hazard. – Watching The Washing In Texas

DEAR WATCHING: You are right. It is a health hazard. Everyone should realize that fact in light of the current health crisis. According to the Mayo Clinic, unwashed hands are spreaders of disease, which is why medical personnel and workers in the food industry are urged to be diligent about it.

That said, I don't think it would be prudent for you to assume the parental role and remind your co-workers to wash their hands after using the bathroom. You might, however, suggest to your boss, once people are no longer working remotely, that it would be wise to issue a memo about the importance of frequent hand-washing.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Camille," and I have almost nothing in common. She lives far from where I do. We have seen each other infrequently over the years, but when we have, she has always dropped a nasty comment or two, ridiculing me or my husband or our lifestyle.

She recently took early retirement and wants to come for a visit. Another sister says Camille is much more relaxed now because working full-time was very stressful for her. I gave up on a relationship with her long ago, and I have no desire to see or entertain her. We didn't even like each other as children. Yet, I'm feeling guilty about saying no to her visit. Is it OK to draw the line on contact with a family member? – Leave Me Alone In Washington

DEAR LEAVE: Yes, it is. And it is also OK to tell her exactly why.

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Husband has a habit of giving thoughtless gifts

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Husband recently bought me a watch. It was not something I would wear, and when I passed it along to my daughter, he called me ungrateful.

Backstory: Husband has a habit of buying people gifts that are not what he thinks they would like, but things HE likes. Now, I do need a new watch. He was buying one for himself and he had a coupon to get a second watch for free. The free watch is what is called a "fashion watch" – large face, wide band, raised decorative features around the face.

We've been married 40 years and in all that time I have never worn anything like that. I don't wear jewelry, my go-to watch is a practical Timex.

So I acknowledged the "gift," explained that it wasn't something I would be comfortable wearing, and turned it over to my daughter. That resulted in my being called ungrateful. So am I? – Ungrateful Wretch?

UNGRATEFUL WRETCH?: You know you're not, right? You're just seeking affirmation? And you also know he's self-centered and/or stubborn?

If he were a thoughtful guy (and even a romantic!), he would have bought you exactly the watch you wanted even though he wished for once that you'd wear something fashion-y.

Assuming you don't want any advice beyond this situation, then perhaps: "I'm grateful for many things about our lives together, but right now I just need a Timex." And ride out the harrumphing.

If you do want more: This sounds like a relatively bearable frustration that's had its insulation rubbed off by four decades of marriage. In that case, maybe you just need to own it: "I'm ungrateful, you're stubborn, good thing we have each other. I'm sorry I hurt your feelings."

DEAR CAROLYN: How do you know if/when it's time to throw in the towel with a friend who appears to have social anxiety disorder? I don't remember the last time we made plans where she actually showed. This week, she canceled because her uncle died, and I almost felt the need to fact-check an obituary. I also haven't been able to respond to her sad news, because I feel more frustrated than empathetic. Is there anything a friend can say to convey how frustrating this is? Or is it just how she is, and if I can't handle it, I should just walk away? – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: If you care about your friend still, and if there is something enjoyable you can plan that she will agree to do – something on her terms – then please make those plans.

People with social anxieties, phobias, depression, other chronic illnesses, etc., generally don't want to be isolated and certainly don't want to be hostages to their health conditions. If the people who love them can find a way to meet them where they are, then both parties can benefit.

One less emotionally charged way to look at it: Set people up for success, not failure. The details change from case to case and person to person, but the idea is the same.

And yes, if you just don't like this friend anymore, then you can opt out.

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5 Certain corp. officers
8 Metal for galvanizing
12 Fiendish
13 Mr. Buchwald
14 District
15 — — grip!
16 "Mr. Mom" co-star (2 wds.)
18 Freeway access
20 Pouch
21 Head gesture
22 Danced all night
25 Up till now
28 Weird-sounding bird
29 Help with a heist
33 By word of mouth
35 Not fresh
36 Peeves
37 Ringo, once
38 Astute
39 Genghis —
41 Egg source
42 Islands near New Guinea
45 Incite Fido
48 Hidden microphone
49 Castle, in chess
52 30th U.S. President
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57 Crooked
58 Pentagon VIP
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60 Crafted
61 Magazine execs
62 Maxwell or Lanchester

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5 Wine cask
6 Magician's word
7 Try too hard
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17 Hotel freebie
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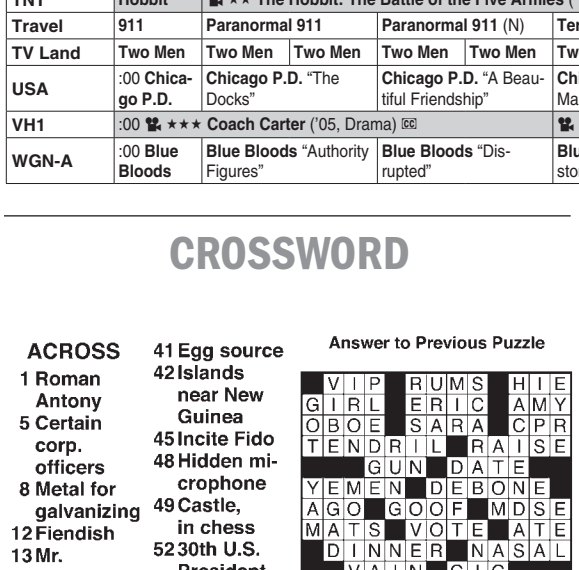

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KLUSL

WEKAA

LIFTLE

WCRUEF

I'm keeping a safe distance away. Go ahead and run the other way.
Maybe if I run really fast, they'll fall off?
THE DOG WAS HAVING A PROBLEM WITH SMALL INSECTS AND WISHED HE COULD ---
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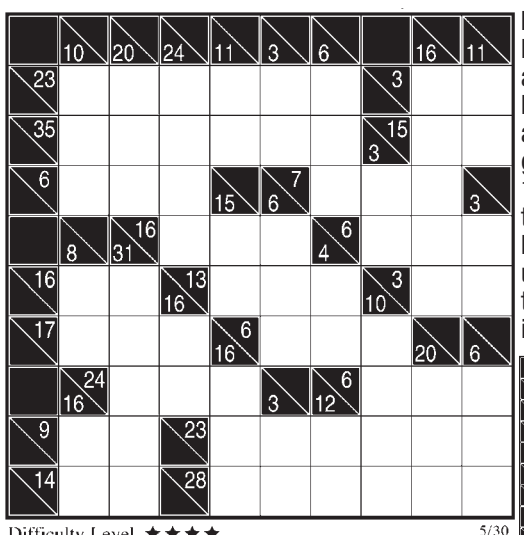
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ____ THE ____

(Answers Monday)

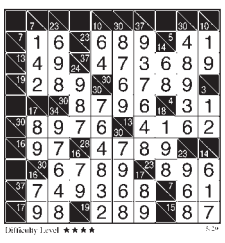
Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE PUNCH DROOPY REMAKE
Answer: The smell of coffee brewing always — PERKED HER UP

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/30

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Miguel de Cervantes, he of "Don Quixote" fame, claimed that "anyone who does not know how to make the most of his luck has no right to complain if it passes him by."

In my experience, the better you play anything – golf, tennis or, especially, bridge – the luckier you will be. The ball will bounce out of the water, or it will dribble over the net, unreturnable.

In this deal, Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island, played well but still needed luck to bring home his six-spade slam. What did he do after West led the heart queen?

In the auction, when South corrected from three no-trump to four spades, North re-evaluated his hand with the known eight- (or nine-) card fit. He launched Roman Key Card Blackwood, learning that his partner had two aces and the spade queen.

Declarer saw 11 tricks: five spades, two hearts, two diamonds, one club and a diamond ruff in his hand, But where was trick 12?

Conrad made the most of his lucky heart spots, getting a third trick from the suit. He drew two rounds of trumps ending on the board, cashed the top diamonds, ruffed the diamond six in his hand (a sixth trump trick) and led a heart toward the dummy, West won with his jack and shifted to a club. South won with his ace and cashed his heart king and 10, discarding clubs from the board. Luckily, no one could ruff in.

The heart lead made declarer's life much easier, but six spades could have been made after any lead. The curious may work it out.

North 05-30-20
♠ A K 10 9 4
♥ 9 5
♦ A K 6
♣ J 8 7

West
♠ 8 6 5
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q 10 9

East
♠ 7 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ Q 7 4 3 2
♣ K 4 2

South
♠ Q J 3
♥ A K 10 6
♦ J 5
♣ A 6 5 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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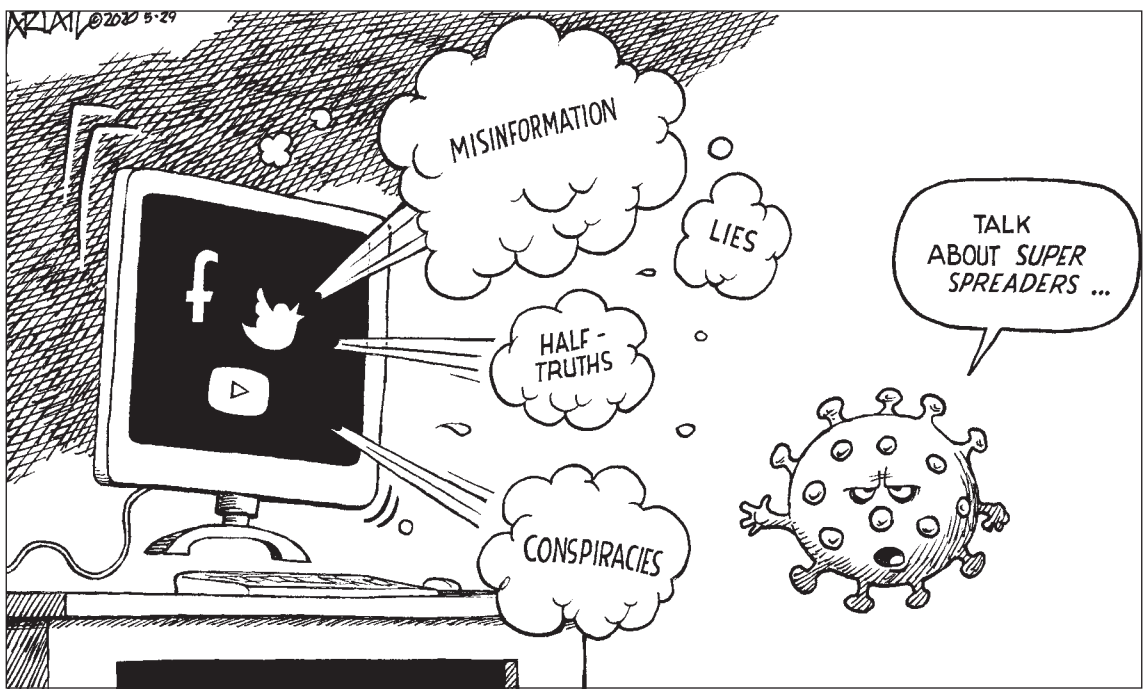
Anger, stupidity take hold in Twitter battle



Jonah Goldberg

Twitter makes a lot of people stupid and angry, so it's fitting that the current debate about Twitter should be so full of stupidity and anger.

First, some context. President Donald Trump frequently tweets or retweets things that are untrue. He also tweets things that are true. One thing that makes all of this so unpleasant is that a great many of the president's foes feel compelled to claim that the true things are false, and his fans are compelled to argue that the false stuff is, at least in some sense, true. (Another factor that makes things even more unpleasant: The president often tweets offensive things, and the same dynamic of "No it's not!" vs. "Yes it is!" plays out.)

More broadly, many on the right have convinced themselves that Twitter "censors" conservatives on the platform, which they think is not only wrong but some sort of violation of the First Amendment. It's not. Many on the left think Twitter doesn't censor enough, specifically in the case of the president himself.

It was against this backdrop that Trump tweeted (again) that governors must not use mail-in ballots during the pandemic. The two-part tweet began, "There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even illegally printed out & fraudulently signed." He concluded by declaring, "This will be a Rigged Election. No way!"

The widespread concern is that Trump was setting the stage for claiming if he loses in November that the result would be illegitimate. Twitter tagged the two Trump tweets with a notice, "Get the facts about mail-in ballots," that linked to some fact-checking articles. Some of those articles made it sound as if ballot fraud doesn't exist, which is untrue, but mail-in balloting is not rife with fraud the way Trump insists.

The president got very angry and started yammering about how Twitter was trying to interfere with the election, censor him, etc. "Republicans feel that Social Media Platforms totally silence conservatives voices," he (awkwardly) tweeted. "We will strongly regulate, or close them down, before we can ever allow this to happen."

On Thursday, the president signed an executive order that could punish social media platforms by removing the legal protections that spare them from being responsible for what users say on them. In other words, if you defame someone on Twitter, Twitter could be sued, too.

Again, this is all so stupid.

The president is using his free speech on Twitter to claim that Twitter is denying him free speech. Trump claims that adding that link to his tweet is a form of censorship, which it isn't, given that the tweet still stands and a link providing more information isn't in the same ZIP code as censorship.

Moreover, Twitter isn't a government entity, so in a legal sense it can't commit censorship. The First Amendment binds what the government can do, not private companies. Trump's executive order comes far closer to censorship because it would effectively kill platforms dedicated (albeit imperfectly) to free expression.

Meanwhile, Twitter has created a huge problem for itself, because now, whenever it doesn't fact-check a statement, it leaves the impression that Twitter is vouching for the content.

David French, my colleague at The Dispatch and a veteran First Amendment lawyer, argues that Twitter should simply treat Trump like any other citizen. I agree, but given that Trump is incapable of moderating his behavior, we'd still end up in the same place, because treating Trump like any other user would eventually result in some of Trump's tweets being deleted or his account being suspended or banned, and that would make him even angrier.

Since Twitter has already taken the plunge, I think a better response is to turn its "get the facts" thing into a policy for all government officials – at home and abroad. (I'm looking at you, China.) Trump's statements are, by law, official statements of the president. That means they aren't like a normal citizen's tweets. Under the First Amendment, Twitter has every right to comment on government statements, including on its own platform. If it editorializes in a biased or misleading way, that's its right. But if it did, everyone would be free to disregard its statements as they see fit.

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LETTERS

Sacrifices necessary in national emergencies

Editor,

As most Americans know, Dec. 7, 1941, was the start of the United States military involvement in World War II. Once the effort started, people were given ration books for food, gasoline and other items that were needed for the war effort. Although it was a strain for many families, citizens complied and did their best with what they had and worked to help end the war.

In Michigan, the fight against the coronavirus started on March 13 of this year when the school I was working at was told to not convene until conditions improved. That was 117 days ago. Since that time, people have complained about their liberties being curtailed, the governor has been compared to Hitler and some have complained about not being able to get a haircut.

For the United States, World War II lasted 1,345 days and cost the country around 420,000 deaths. As a country, we just passed 100,000 deaths due to the virus. At this rate of death and using the length of World War II, the virus death count would be about 1,150,000 people. We need to follow the guidelines that have been given and protect each other from this virus.

Franklin Roosevelt was a strong leader who led the country through a dark time. President Trump has seemed rudderless and has encouraged his followers to "liberate" states that do not fit his protocols. As citizens, we deserve a president who does not have special interests and re-election as his focus. Remember to vote on Nov. 3. Lives depend on it.

Dean Hill
Niles

Look for ways to honor fallen heroes

Editor,

Memorial Day has come and gone and with it came a solemnity not celebrated other days of the year. Remembering those who gave their lives to protect us. Some returned from wars but as wounded warriors and with lives changed forever. Forever grateful for their sacrifices, isn't our world a whole lot better off because of them?

Memorial Day can be more than just a day to remember. Honor the dead with any and every kind of respect available. Remembering those that have died from the virus causing a pandemic.

A good example of respect for the dead was a funeral procession I experienced. From the funeral home to church were several St. Joseph Police cars escorting us, which was a heartwarming example of respect. Even more moving were the cars pulling off to the side of the road as the procession approached them. It was a sign of respect. On that day it became very clear to me that it is the right thing to do.

Another way to have respect for the dead is a well-kept cemetery. To those responsible for Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph, thank you for taking good care of it.

June Rollinger
St. Joseph

Jeff Sessions' wild Senate race

Byron York

Jeff Sessions is in a surreal place. He spent 20 years as a senator from Alabama, followed by 21 months as U.S. Attorney General, and now he is in a tightly competitive race to win back his old Senate seat. He was the first important national figure in government to endorse candidate Donald Trump back in early 2016. That endorsement was an important boost for Trump, whom other Republicans were dismissing at the time. The newly elected Trump picked Sessions for attorney general.

At the Justice Department, Sessions worked hard to implement the president's agenda on issues like immigration and crime. But as far as relations with Trump were concerned, it all went to hell in early March 2017, when Sessions, who had been on the job all of 21 days, recused himself from supervising the Trump-Russia investigation.

Driven by Democrats and their allies in the press, the Russia issue picked up steam in Trump's early months. But it truly exploded on May 9, 2017, when Trump fired FBI Director James Comey. The resulting firestorm led to the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller – an appointment made by Sessions' second-in-command, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who was in charge of the Russia matter after Sessions recused himself.

Trump blamed it all, or nearly all, on Sessions, and he never forgave him. Sessions remained in the job until November 2018, but Trump clearly could not stand the man he chose to head the Justice Department.

Fast forward to today. Deep-red Alabama has a Democratic senator, Doug Jones – that's another, equally odd story – who is now up for reelection. There was a March primary to pick the Republican candidate, who will almost certainly defeat Jones in November.

Sessions finished a close second to former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville, who won by a little less than two percentage points. A runoff is scheduled for July 14.

President Trump not only supports Tuberville, but has been bashing Sessions left and right. First, Trump said Sessions begged him on four separate occasions for the attorney general job. "I never begged for the job of attorney general, not four times, not one time, not ever," Sessions said.

Sessions also released an "Open Letter to the People of Alabama" in which he explained in detail why he believed then, and believes now, that his recusal was required by law and was the only course he could take.

That didn't assuage Trump one bit. A few days ago, the president tweeted, "3 years ago, after Jeff Sessions recused himself, the Fraudulent Mueller Scam began. Alabama, do not trust Jeff Sessions. He let our country down. That's why I endorsed Coach Tommy Tuberville."

That was finally it for Sessions, who responded with obvious irritation. "Look, I know your anger," he tweeted to the president, "but recusal was required by law. I did my duty & you're damn fortunate I did. It protected the rule of law & resulted in your exoneration. Your personal feelings don't dictate who Alabama picks as their senator, the people of Alabama do."

The political world's collective response was: "Whoa! Now this is getting interesting."

Then Trump upped the ante again. "Jeff, you had your chance & you blew it," he tweeted. "Recused yourself ON DAY ONE (you never told me of a problem), and ran for the hills. You had no courage, & ruined many lives ..."

"Mr. President, Alabama can and does trust me, as do conservatives across the country," Sessions responded. "Perhaps you've forgotten."

Who knows where it could go next? On Monday, I asked Sessions if he was surprised by the degree to which Trump seems to hold the entire Russia investigation against him. "Yes, I am surprised about that," he said. "But his frustration is not all unjustified. It's becoming more and more clear that there were problems with this investigation. There may have been political bias. [Current Attorney General Bob] Barr is exactly right that we need to know whether commencing an investigation of a campaign had sufficient predicate."

I mentioned to Sessions that Trump's last interventions in an Alabama Senate race, when he first backed losing Republican primary candidate Luther Strange and then losing Republican general election candidate Roy Moore, resulted in the election of the current Democratic Sen. Doug Jones.

"He did make two recommendations, both of which the voters did not follow," Sessions said. "I would just say that indicates Alabamians do make their own decisions."

"In this instance," Sessions continued, "the president's personal frustrations – he's asking the people of Alabama basically to effectuate his personal feelings about this issue. I'm asking them to send a senator who can best advance Alabama values, Trump values, Sessions values, to make a decision based on what's best for Alabama."

How many times does a top Republican Senate candidate refer to the Republican president's "personal feelings"? Sessions finds himself in an unprecedented situation only partially of his own making. But he is convinced he was correct in recusing himself from the Russia investigation, even if it means losing.

"My conscience is clear," Sessions said. "Doing the right thing is more important to me than even my own political career."

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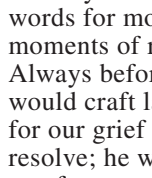
With death toll mounting, Trump keeps tweeting

Leonard Pitts



Always before, there have been words. Always before, someone crafted them with writerly skill and gave them to the president to give to us. Always, before.

When seven people died aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger, President Ronald Reagan spoke of how, just that morning, they "waved goodbye and 'slipped the surly bonds of Earth' to 'touch the face of God.'"

When 168 people died in the Oklahoma City bombing, President Bill Clinton told the survivors, "You have lost too much, but you have not lost everything, and you have certainly not lost America, for we will stand with you for as many tomorrows as it takes."

When 2,977 people died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President George W. Bush said, "Today our nation saw evil – the very worst of human nature – and we responded with the best of America."

Yet as we pass a somber milestone – 100,000 Americans dead of the coronavirus pandemic – Donald Trump says nothing. At least, not about the moment. Instead, he tweets.

"OBAMAGATE!!"

And tweets.

"Sleepy Joe Biden … "

And tweets.

"Psycho Joe Scarborough … "

And tweets.

"Crazy Nancy Pelosi … "

And tweets.

"Fake news … "

Always before, there have been words for moments like this, moments of rawness and loss. Always before, the president would craft language as a vessel for our grief and a sword of our resolve; he would center us, comfort us, remind us to keep faith with tomorrow and aspire to the best version of ourselves.

In a word, he would console us. You just took it for granted. Nine people were massacred in a church in Charleston, S.C., and President Barack Obama went there and spoke of grace, even singing the old hymn about how amazing grace is, because of course he did. Twenty small children and six adults were murdered at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., and Obama fought back tears and declared, "Our hearts are broken today," because of course he did.

Because that's what presidents do.

Or did. And we are only discovering how important that is in its absence – now that the office of president is functionally vacant.

Because 100,000 people are dead, and it feels almost as if it didn't really happen, as if it carries no weight. One hundred thousand of our mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, a college professor, a New York cabbie, a coach, a sharecropper's son, an LGBTQ activist, a stamp collector, a jazz patriarch – 100,000 of us gone, yet there is no national moment, memorial or mourning. The sorrow feels atomized, broken into its constituent parts, so that each family and circle of friends are left to grieve alone.

As we cross this terrible Rubicon, pundits and preachers will try to fill the void as best they can. But ultimately, only a president can do what needs doing here. Only a president has the pulpit from which to address the whole of us and draw us together upon higher ground. Unfortunately, it is a task to which Trump is ill-suited and in which he has no apparent interest.

So we are left remembering how it was before, when a president might use a moment like this to send a needed message to a hurting nation. Their words might differ, but the message always was substantially the same, a sermon of hope and resilience that ennobled our pain and left us better for having listened. By contrast, Donald Trump engages in name-calling, whiny self-pity and nonsense conspiracies. People die, he tweets.

And that sends a message, too.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce A. Rudowske

Nov. 29, 1950 – May 24, 2020

Joyce Arlene Rudowske, a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister and follower of Jesus Christ, passed into glory on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at her home.

Joyce, 69, of Charlotte, Mich., and previously Benton Harbor, was born Nov. 29, 1950, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of William Sr. and Frances (Webb) Bridgman. After graduating from Coloma High School in 1968, Joyce earned her bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University in 1972, and would go on to obtain a master's degree. She was an elementary school teacher for nearly 30 years, then worked for the Berrien County Department of Health and Human Services as an eligibility specialist, retiring after 20-plus years in 2012.

On Nov. 3, 1972, Joyce married Richard Charles Rudowske and raised their family together until his passing in 2015. Joyce was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph for many years, and most recently a member of First Lutheran Church in Charlotte. She actively studied the Bible daily and used her time and talents for the church in various ways. She also volunteered as a counselor at A New Beginning Pregnancy Center in Charlotte. Her family meant the world to Joyce; she loved them more than anything else on earth. She also loved her many friends who helped her so much on her journey through life. Above all, Joyce loved Jesus and served him in any way she could.

Joyce is survived by her children, Jennifer (Jerry) Powell, Richard (Maya) Rudowske Jr., Christopher (Kristi) Rudowske, Kimberly (Daniel) Longden and Rachel (Kalvin) Miller; 20 grandchildren: Kayla, Zachary and Abigail Powell, Christopher, Katherine, Matthew, Joshua and Rebecca Rudowske, Mark and William Rudowske, Micah, Grace, Seth, Jonah, Lydia and Anna Longden, and Kameron, Nathan, Sebastian and Laurel Miller; siblings, Diane Orth, Brenda (Robert) Zapolnik, Jeanne (Bruce) Hutchins and William (Cynthia) Bridgman Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Richard; grandchildren, Isabel Marie and Owen Louis Miller; brother-in-law, Louis Orth; and her parents.

The family will receive visitors from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Due to current Executive Orders, those attending visitation will be asked to wear a mask and will be directed into the visitation rooms by Pray Funeral Home staff to maintain no more than 10 people in any room. The funeral service will be Wednesday, June 3, for Joyce's immediate family only at First Lutheran Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Richard Rudowske Jr. and Pastor Jim Eggert officiating. The funeral will be available for live-stream through Joyce's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com, by clicking on "Joyce's Tribute," then click "Photos and videos" from your computer (or "Media" from your smart phone). Prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the web cast, or it may be viewed at a later date as well.

Friends and extended family members are also encouraged to share memories of Joyce on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com, and/or send flowers to the service to show your support for the family. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Lutheran Bible Translators. The family is in the care of the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Julie Mae Burfield

Feb. 10, 1994 – May 26, 2020

Julie Mae Burfield, 26, of Hartford suddenly passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

She was born Feb. 10, 1994, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of Jeffery and Linda (Viscuso) Briney. Julie was a soft spoken, free spirit with an eternally giving heart. She loved being outdoors and always seemed to be on an adventure. Julie loved her family and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

On April 19, 2014, Julie was united in marriage with Michael Burfield, and he survives; along with a son, Wyatt, who was the light of her life. She is also survived by her parents; two sisters, Jessica (Chad) Ottinger of Dowagiac and Sara (Spencer) Simpson of Benton Harbor; grandparents, Hank and Viola Viscuso of Coloma and Linda Jennings of Riverside; four nieces; two nephews; and numerous other family members and friends.

As to the current restrictions, a graveside celebration of Julie's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, at Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac, with Pastor Steven Bisbee of the Hartford General Baptist Church officiating. Following the service, a time of fellowship and refreshments will be held at Jessica and Chad's House, 59234 Dewey St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, has been entrusted with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Fiore Francis Postelli

Nov. 22, 1918 – May 25, 2020

Fiore Francis Postelli, 101, of Coloma passed away Monday, May 25, 2020, in Grand Junction, Mich.

There will be a memorial service held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services.

Fiore was born Nov. 22, 1918, in Chicago. He was the son of Frank and Mary (Principa) Postelli. He worked at Whirlpool Corporation for 40 years. During his 40 years he worked at Whirlpool, he also worked at Ashley Ford in the evenings and on weekends. After retiring from Whirlpool, he started Postelli Steelfab with his son, Robert. He worked at Postelli Steelfab until he was 85 years old.

Fiore liked to fish, play cards, camp, travel and square dance. He picked up fruit from some generous local farmers and delivered it to senior centers and homebound senior citizens.

Survivors include his children, Karol Schoenbaum of Hillsborough, N.C., Robert of Beverly Hills, Fla., and Frank Ronald (Annette); nine grandchildren: Geoffrey (Anna) Schoenbaum, Shawn (Allen) Mazelin, Gina Postelli, Katherine (Tommy) Thompson, Elizabeth (Jeff) Bachus, Brett (Lidia) Postelli, Mark (Jeanie) Postelli, Jason (Celina) Postelli and Chad (Alicia) Postelli; and 15 great-grandchildren. He also had special relationships with many of his nephews and nieces.

Fiore was preceded in death by his wife of almost 80 years, Cleo (Antes) Postelli; and his siblings: Casper, John, Mike, Joseph, George, Sam, Lena and Millie.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Harold Leon Miller

March 31, 1943 – May 28, 2020

Harold Leon Miller, 77, of Berrien Springs passed away Thursday, May 28, 2020, at his home.

A private family funeral service will be held at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, The Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman, MI 49106. A graveside service will be held for the public at 11 a.m. Monday, June 1, at New Troy Cemetery, 4190 Weechik Road, Sawyer, MI 49125. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Leon Miller Scholarship Fund; donations may be sent to Honor Credit Union, in care of Emma Haygood. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Leon was born Wednesday, March 31, 1943, in Glendora, the son of the late Floyd and Emma Ameila (Krieger) Miller. On Aug. 31, 1973, he married Mary Elizabeth Turney, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 6, 2012. Leon was a 1961 graduate of New Troy High School and served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1967-1972. He worked at Clark Equipment for over 20 years and retired from Ausco Products.

Leon enjoyed playing golf, woodworking, watching Berrien Springs High School athletic events, cheering on his Chicago Cubs to a World Series championship and telling stories about the old days to his grandkids.

Leon is survived by his children, Emma (Doug) Haygood, Joe (Tia) Miller and Rebeccah (Josh) Wedde; grandchildren: Ellie, Jacob and Brandon Haygood, Cole Miller, Kate, Emma and Eli Sanders and Dylan Wedde; sister, Arlene Ender; and many nieces and nephews.

Leon was also preceded in death by his brothers, Dean, Dale and Zane Miller; and a sister, Louise Coyle.

Betty J. Siebenmark

May 28, 1937 – May 22, 2020

Betty J. Siebenmark, 82, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, May 22, 2020, at her home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date due to the COVID-19 virus. Memorial donations in Betty's name may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Those wishing to sign Betty's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Betty was born in Loris, S.C., on May 28, 1937. She was the daughter of the late Tull Floyd of South Carolina and the late Peggy (Morris) Reinicker of Florida. Betty graduated from Plant City (Florida) High School and later from Lake Michigan College. On May 26, 1961, she married Jim Siebenmark in New Buffalo. They started a family, and she enjoyed being a mother and homemaker for many years, and later as "Gramie" to her four grandchildren.

Betty enjoyed tending to her flower gardens around her house, sewing, baking and cooking for her family on holidays and other occasions and time spent with family and friends.

Betty later worked for many years at Old Kent Bank in St. Joseph, retiring in 2000. She then spent many years volunteering at the Mendel Center and Peace Lutheran Church.

Betty is survived by her husband, Jim; her children, Susan (Ed) Johnson of Cincinnati and Michael (Kevin West) Siebenmark of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and four grandchildren: Nicholas (Sarah), Alexander, Jack and Ellie Johnson.

Janice L. Kenyon

Nov. 17, 1949 – May 24, 2020

Janice L. Kenyon, 70, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, a private Celebration of Life Service will be held. To sign Janice's memory book online or view her Celebration of Life Service, please visit www.starks-menchinger.com. Service will be available to view after June 6, 2020. Memorial donations in Janice's name may be made to Bible Study Fellowship online at bsfinternational.org, or by mail at BSF Group, 19001 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78258.

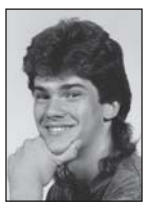
Janice was born Nov. 17, 1949, in Olean, N.Y., to the Rev. Victor and Ardale (Coon) Skaggs. She graduated from Plainfield High School, Plainfield, N.J., class of 1967. On Oct. 8, 1972, she married Keith Kenyon in Verona, N.Y. After moving to St. Joseph, Janice was employed for more than 20 years as a secretary/receptionist at Whirlpool Corporation. Janice was a member of Grace Christian Center in St. Joseph and Bible Study Fellowship. In her free time, she enjoyed making crafts.

Janice is survived by her husband, Keith; two sisters, Nina (Joe) Karhnak of Oneida, N.Y., and Lynne (Keith) Severence of Frederick, Colo.; her brother, Patrick (Debbie) Skaggs of Frederick, Colo.; three brothers-in-law, Karl (Frannie) Kenyon of Springboro, Pa., and Kevin (Sandra) Kenyon and Kent (Kathy) Kenyon, both of Coudersport, Pa.; numerous nieces and nephews; her special friend, Toni Hauch of Benton Harbor; and all of her Bible Study Fellowship lady friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Michael A. Apple

Dec. 3, 1973 – May 22, 2020



Michael A. Apple, 46, of St. Joseph passed away on May 22, 2020.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 4, at North Shore Memory Gardens, Coloma, with Father James Adam officiating. In respect with social distancing, we ask those in attendance to stay by their vehicles during the graveside service. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army Men's Shelter – Benton Harbor, or The Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, both at at 233 Michigan St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services.

Michael was born on Dec. 3, 1973, in Kalamazoo. He attended Lake Michigan Catholic grade school and then Coloma High School.

Michael is survived by his parents, Carol Baratta of Bath, Mich., and Wayne (Lois) Apple of Mississippi; son, Michael Bailey; sister, Beth (Tim) Place of Perry, Mich.; nephews, Calhoun and Raylan Place; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Death notices

Margo Blakeman-Miller, 45, of Berrien Center died May 25, 2020, at Spectrum Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Julie M. Burfield, 26, of Hartford died May 26, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Betty L. Gulley, 92, of South Haven died May 29, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Harold L. Miller, 77, of Berrien Springs died May 28, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Joyce A. Rudowske, 69, of Charlotte, Mich., former area resident died May 24, 2020, at home. Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, (517) 543-2950.

Betty Lou Gulley

Dec. 11, 1927 – May 29, 2020

Betty Lou Gulley went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 29, 2020, at the age of 92.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1927, in Parma, Mo., to Albert and Estol Pulliam. She was the oldest of four children. Betty was baptized at the Church of the Assumption on April 16, 1938, in Perryville, Mo., as Elizabeth Louise Pulliam. The family moved to Michigan when Gulley was 11. She attended school in Lacota, Mich., through eighth grade. She had to leave school to help her family raise her three siblings.

Betty married Thomas Earl Gulley in 1951, who passed away in July of 2003. They shared 52 years in marriage. During her lifetime, Betty worked at the South Haven Phone Company then Bohn Aluminum Plant, where she worked for 38 years. She retired in 1989. Betty then worked for Golden Brown Bakery for 10 years, retiring in 2003.

Betty's first love was her whole family. She loved family get-togethers and enjoyed cooking southern dishes. She is best known for her fried chicken and fried corn recipes.

In her younger years she loved to work outside on her flower gardens and canned fruits and vegetables. She also loved to watch sports, particularly baseball. She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. To fulfill one of her wishes on her bucket list, she flew with family in 2016 to St. Louis to see a Cardinal game.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Betty is survived by her children: Barbara (Wally) MacQuarrie of Foley, Ala., Janet (Kurt) Targgart of Ann Arbor, Mich., Earl Gulley of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Sissie (Tim) Nicholson of South Haven; grandchildren: Rod (Sue) MacQuarrie, Donna (Dave) Carlson, Jonathan (Brittany) MacQuarrie, Christopher (Missy) Targgart, Jina (Jim) Grablick, Brett (Brandy) Gulley, Grant Gulley, Dane Gulley, Jamie (Amanda) Nicholson and Josh (Lorin) Nicholson; great-grandchildren: Cody, Jeremy, Kaitlyn, Emma, John Lee, Natalie, Sam, Max, Tate, Brennan, Devon, Jennifer, Alan, Tara, Collin, Lachlan, Iain, Colin, Logan, Hannah and Gunnar,; and great-great-grandchildren, Ava and Caydan.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Estol Pulliam; two brothers, Glen and Bobby Pulliam; sister, Ruth Crawford; grandson, Scott MacQuarrie; great-grandson, Christian; and son-in-law, Lee Targgart.

The family would like to especially thank the entire staff at Vineyard Assisted Living and Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan in Kalamazoo for the exceptional loving care they gave Betty. Also, a special thank you to Maria Rayas of South Haven for her friendship and caregiving while Betty resided at her home in South Haven.

A visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 2 p.m., with Pastor Travis Wilson officiating. Contributions may be made in Betty's memory to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, 222 N. Kalamazoo Mall, #100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Margo Rae Blakeman-Miller

Dec. 21, 1974 – May 25, 2020

Margo Rae Blakeman-Miller, 45, of Berrien Center passed away on Monday, May 25, 2020, at Spectrum Hospital, Grand Rapids.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Margo was born on Dec. 21, 1974, in St. Joseph, to Ralph and Bonnie (Tipton) Blakeman. She attended Eau Claire High School. Margo always had a love for children, which led her to open her own child care business for many years. She was also employed at Family Dollar, where she would enjoy socializing with all of her customers, and was a member of a fibromyalgia support group. Margo also liked to play cards, dice games, coloring and working on crossword puzzles. However, what Margo loved most was spending time with her children and grandchildren. Family meant everything to her, and her smile was always at its largest when they were around. Margo was incredibly loving and honest and always shared her opinion, even when it wasn't exactly what people wanted to hear, but that's what made her so caring. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Margo is survived by her mother, Bonnie Blakeman; children, Tyler (Kristen) Blakeman, Bradley Blakeman and Tami (Adam) LeVallee; significant other, Che Davis (Che, Carrina, Bailey, Sam, Darian, Gavin and Fiona); grandchildren, Logan, Tessa Rae, Bentley, Camden, Jackson, Avenly, Garrett and Jordyn; siblings, Michele Drake, Cassie Kopaceski, Chasity Nixon and Jamie Ferney; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Dump Your Plump contestants are reminded on June 5 to carry around a bag of food equal to the weight they've lost during the 10 weeks of the contest. They should bring the food with them to the celebration dessert party that day. The party begins at 5 p.m. and will feature nationally recognized author and nutrition consultant, Ronda Gates. There are still openings for Gates' "Fit or Fat for the '90s" workshop on June 6 at Lake Michigan College in Benton Township.

35 years ago – 1985

Teachers retiring from St. Joseph Public Schools at the end of the school year were honored at a party at the St. Joseph Yacht Club. Attending were: Ernest Schroeder, 38 years of teaching, 25 in St. Joseph; Charles Kent, 37 years total, 28 in St. Joseph; Mary Francis Tucker, 27 years total, 15 in St. Joseph; Nancy Schroeder, 23 years total, 17 in St. Joseph; and Patricia McKnight, 13 years, all in St. Joseph.

Unable to attend were Elsie Buck, 28 years of teaching, 20 in St. Joseph; Anne Morrissett, 19 years total, 17 in St. Joseph; and Harriet Preston, 15 years, all in St. Joseph.

50 years ago – 1970

Some 300 seniors at St. Joseph High School have studied Twin Cities area problems for a month and now have projected solutions for them – from pollution and drugs to migrants and traffic. The public is invited to attend the open house sessions to listen to the students discuss their solutions and proposals on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 and 3, in the new wing of the high school.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, May 30, the 151st day of 2020. There are 215 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 30, 1989, student protesters in Beijing erected a "Goddess of Democracy" statue in Tiananmen Square (the statue was destroyed in the Chinese government's crackdown).

On this date:

In 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in a stampede sparked by a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in danger of collapsing.

In 1911, the first Indy 500 took place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner was Ray Harroun, who drove a Marmon Wasp for more than 6 ½ hours at an average speed of 74.6 mph and collected a prize of $10,000.

In 1912, aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright, 45, died in Dayton, Ohio, of typhoid fever more than eight years after he and his brother, Orville, launched their first airplane.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in a ceremony attended by President Warren G. Harding, Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Robert Todd Lincoln.

In 1937, ten people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in South Chicago.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers
64°	44°	62° / 54°	68° / 62°	75° / 66°	73° / 68°

Local Outlook

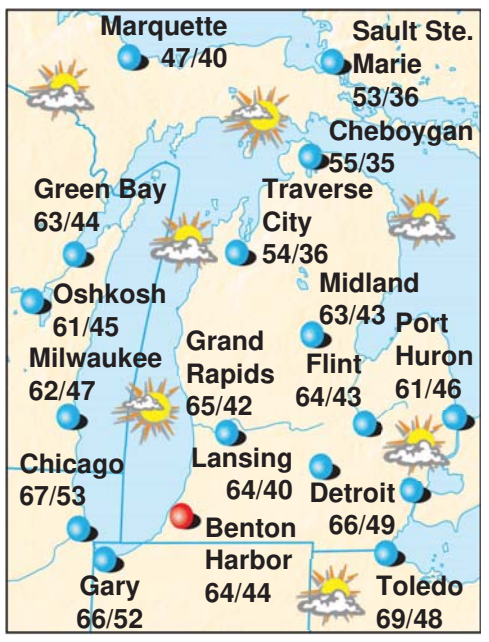
Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 64°, humidity of 58%. Northwest wind 9 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 44°. East northeast wind 2 to 10 mph. Sunday, skies will be sunny, high of 62°, humidity of 42%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:13 a.m.
Sunset	9:14 p.m.
Moonrise	1:59 p.m.
Moonset	2:54 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
6/5	6/13	6/21	6/28

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	72°
Low	56°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	53°
Record High	95° in 2018
Record Low	41° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.02"
Month to date	6.72"
Normal for month	3.60"
Year to date	18.96"
Normal Year to date	12.78"

Air Quality

Yesterday	44
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

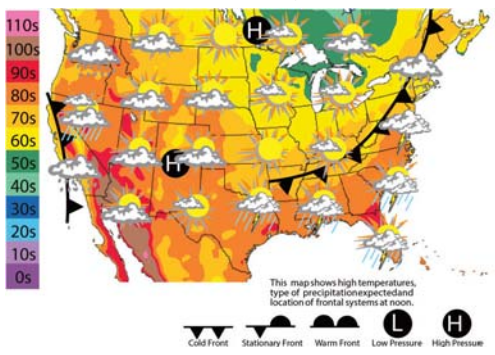
Weather Trivia

Has Doppler radar improved tornado warnings?

Answer: Yes, warning accuracies have increased by over 50 percent.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 30, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind around 10 kt. Sunny. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 66 degrees. Tonight, N wind 8 to 12 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. West northwest wind 15 mph. Expect sunny to partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 50s and 60s. West southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 60s. Northwest wind 9 mph. Expect sunny skies Sunday with highs in the 60s. South wind 2 to 6 mph.

PROTESTS

From page A1

EMT in Kentucky, Breonna Taylor, was killed in March when three officers entered her apartment by force to serve a search warrant in a narcotics investigation.

"This has been going on for way too many years, and it is time for a change," said Erika Atson, protesting in Minneapolis Thursday. "Because we are tired."

The protests that began with chanting and marching in Minneapolis the day after the disturbing video emerged that showed Floyd pinned for eight minutes have grown to mass demonstrations, some violent, in Minnesota and around the country.

Floyd lay on the street, as Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee into the man's neck. He'd been arrested on a forgery charge, accused of passing a bad bill at a grocery store after he got laid off.

"Please I can't breathe," Floyd cried. "My stomach hurts. My neck hurts. Everything hurts. They're going to kill me."

Lawmakers nationwide are again talking about how to prevent such deaths. The Senate Judiciary committee announced Friday it would hold a hearing on police use of force. Outrage over the images of Floyd's last moments even came from those who have a history of defending police, like Trump. Though the president later called the protesters "thugs" in a tweet, saying "when the looting starts, the shooting starts."

The mothers of some of the men killed by police attended the Democratic National Convention. The Justice Department frequently criticized violent police confrontations and opened a series of civil rights investigations into local law enforcement practices.

But after Trump was elected, it shifted.

Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered a review of consent decrees, legal agreements meant to effect change, that the Obama-era Justice Department had used to fight police misconduct, in part over a belief that the Democratic administration had vilified the police. The decrees included those with the police in Ferguson, Missouri, after the killing of Michael Brown and in Baltimore following the police custody death of Freddie Gray.

Hours before he resigned as attorney general in November 2018, Sessions signed a memo that scaled back the practice, making consent decrees more difficult to enact.

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A mailbox on Lonesome Pine Trail neighborhood is all decked out in recognition of mailman Frank Olson, who retired Friday.

Special delivery

SJ neighborhood honors mailman retiring after 30 years

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Frank Olson has given a lot of himself to the neighborhoods in which he's delivered packages to over the past three decades.

Now several St. Joseph neighborhoods are giving back to show their appreciation for his time with the U.S. Post Office.

As part of the fun, the neighborhood around Lonesome Pine Trail in St. Joseph decorated mailboxes as a tribute to Olson. The effort has been ongoing this week as Olson, 64, worked his last day Friday.

"If you can put your heart in your throat and choke a bit, that's what it's been like," Olson joked. "It's been very emotional to see."

Olson's wife, Lori, said people along his entire route has gone out of their way to show how much they will miss him. All week he's received cards, letters, signs, baked goods, balloons and many well wishes.

All that stems from the years of service he's given to the neighborhoods.

"They've just touched his heart so much. He has gone above and beyond what a normal letter carrier does. He's reported gas leaks. He's set it up so the mailboxes for elderly residents are on their door so they don't have to walk out. He'll strike up a conversation with anyone," she said. "People tend to meet him at the mailbox. There are children he has influenced and cannot wait to see the mail truck come up. He gets invited to their graduation parties."

Mail carrier Frank Olson takes time out from his route for a picture Friday along Lonesome Pine Trail in St. Joseph. Many residents in the St. Joseph neighborhood decorated their mailboxes in honor of Olson, who is retiring after three decades with the United States Postal Service.

Decorated mailboxes line Lonesome Pine Trail on Friday in St. Joseph in honor of mail carrier Frank Olson, who has retired after three decades with the United States Postal Service.

Maggie Patnoudes, a St. Joseph resident, was once one of those children.

Olson has been her mailman for most of her life.

"We always used to go greet him. I thought it was just our neighborhood. But I remember a friend telling me about how her sister would greet him," she said. "He was always willing to stop and have a conversation with you. Everyone we talk to was so disappointed he was retiring."

When Patnoudes heard Olson would be retiring, she and her mother reached out to their neighbors with the

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New resident inspector named to Palisades Power Plant

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COVERT — The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission this week announced a new resident inspector to Palisades Power Plant.

Courtney St. Peters will now be a part of the two-person team that monitors day-to-day operations at the plant, according to a news release.

ST. PETERS

She joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Paul LaFlamme in serving as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections and monitoring significant work projects at Palisades.

Each commercial nuclear power plant site in the United States has at least two resident inspectors.

NRC spokeswoman Prema Chandrathil said St. Peters' strong technical background and commitment to safety will help ensure the public, plant staff and environment are protected.

"Courtney has been with our agency for more than a decade and now brings her knowledge and experience to Palisades," she said.

St. Peters started with the NRC in 2010 as part of the Co-Operative Education Program for students. Upon graduation, she joined the Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program, which is now the Nuclear Regulator Apprenticeship Network.

She worked as a project manager in the Division of Advanced Reactors and Rulemaking and later as a reliability and risk analyst with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. In 2018, she transferred to Region III as a reactor engineer.

St. Peters earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

During the coronavirus pandemic, resident inspectors are working remotely but making regular visits to plants while following the appropriate guidelines.

The Palisades resident inspectors can be reached at 630-829-9990.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

SJHS robotics team gets $18K grant

Other area teams will have access to district's Innovation Center

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph High School's FIRST Robotics team received a $18,000 grant from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation to install full-field electronics on their practice field.

The school district announced Friday that The Average Joes were the recipients of the grant. The team is part of the FIRST Robotics community that involves a team-based robotics program for ages 4-18 that can be held in school or in structured after-school programs.

The Joes, as they are known by the St. Joseph community, have qualified for the World Championship every year since 2015.

"This program is more than just STEM and Robots," Superintendent Thomas Bruce said in a news release. "Each of these FIRST athletes have different skill sets, from mechanical to coding to leadership and even marketing. They bring it all together in a team format to compete against other schools and clubs. These events are an amazing culmination of critical thinking and leadership."

The practice field is in the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center at the high school.

The Edward J. Todd Innovation Center, which opened in 2018, provided the team with a designated space to construct their robots and simulate real competition.

The facility was made possible by the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation and donations from long-time community donors.

COVID-19 and the cancellation of competitions for the 2020 season was disappointing for team members.

However, Assistant Coach Carrie Brunsting used the time to research improvement options for the existing practice field. Once the electronics are in place and school facilities are allowed to open, Brunsting said the plan is to expand use of the facility by inviting other teams in the region to use the space.

The grant from the Upton Foundation will make the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center one of the few fields in Michigan with full electronics.

The SJPS Foundation will serve as the fiduciary for the grant.

"The Frederick S. Upton Foundation was happy to add even more power to the robotics and STEM education at the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center," Jeff Upton, chairperson of the Upton Foundation. "This addition will be great for not only St. Joseph, but also for robotics teams throughout the community."

IN BRIEF

Local judge signs order shutting down defiant barber

OWOSSO (AP) — A judge on Friday followed the orders of the Michigan appeals court and told a barber to immediately lock his shop for violating business restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic.

Karl Manke has boldy thumbed his nose at state regulators and declared that he has a right to operate his shop in Owosso, about 40 miles northeast of Lansing.

The appeals court, in a 2-1 decision, had ordered a preliminary injunction Thursday, then returned with another order Friday, telling a Shiawassee County judge to sign the injunction immediately.

Manke declined to take a phone call Friday from The Associated Press.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has closed barbershops and hair salons for weeks, citing a risk for the spread of the coronavirus. Manke, however, reopened on May 4 and has refused to stop, despite having two licenses suspended.

"If they want to put me in jail, put me in jail," he said.

Manke gave free haircuts last week during a protest at the state Capitol. Texas hair salon owner Shelley Luther, who was briefly jailed for opening her shop, appeared at a rally outside Manke's business.

Tulip Time Festival needs to raise $1M

HOLLAND (AP) — The Tulip Time Festival in western Michigan needs to raise $1 million to stem losses from this year's canceled event due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Festival organizers have created a GoFundMe page for donations. They also plan to seek out donors.

Forgoing next year's festival is a possibility if funding doesn't come through. When the festival was canceled, there were $400,000 requested in ticket refunds. Tulip Time only had $180,000 available in cash.

Festival director Gwen Auwerda said festival organizers had already spent $770,000 in brochures, mailings, advertising, tickets, rent, utilities and salaries.

"These are costs that could not be recouped," she said.

Auwerda said Tulip Time is a vital part of the community and needs to continue its 90-year tradition. She's hopeful the money can be raised. The nonprofit will run out of money in August if they don't receive further financial help, administrators said

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Women's Business Center to host webinars

BENTON HARBOR — The Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance received additional funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide enhanced education, training and business advice to small businesses on how to overcome the after effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through this grant, the WBC will host free webinars featuring subject matter experts on a range of topics that will provide businesses with best management practices and key information on how to operate effectively now and post-pandemic.

Information regarding new webinars can be found at www.cornerstonewbc.com. Registration for the webinars is requested.

Items for Business Meetings can be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 269-429-4398, or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, attention: Business, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

MAILMAN

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idea of honoring him at the mailbox.

The plan was set in motion a couple weeks ago through word-of-mouth conversations and flyers.

"We thought it would be fun to celebrate. With the pandemic, we couldn't have a party," she said. "We decorated our (mailbox) using a tablecloth and added some streamers around it with blue stars."

Every day residents in the neighborhoods put out a different sign. They've differed in their message, ranging from "A legend is retiring" to "Congrats on being a quitter."

A humble beginning

Olson was attending school when he took the Post Office entry exam. He referred to it as a "plan B option."

He finally became a letter carrier in 1986 after he realized he didn't like middle management at another company.

His favorite part of the job – and what he'll miss the most – is the people and watching the kids grow up. "Seeing them become adults has been really rewarding."

Lori said the decision to retire was not an easy one for her husband. After weighing the pros and cons during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lori said he figured it was the right time to retire.

"He's worked Saturdays his whole life," she said. "It's time he had weekends off."

Because of the ongoing pandemic, his friends and family can't throw a party for him.

However, the neighborhood that's honoring him and other neighborhoods held a mini-parade outside his home Friday night – accompanied by a police escort.

Lori Olson said she has not been surprised by the reaction of residents since Olson announced his pending retirement.

"The majority of people on his route know him personally and he knows them personally. There aren't too many people who can say that," Lori said. "Frank is a people person, very outgoing and friendly to everyone. There is no stranger to him."

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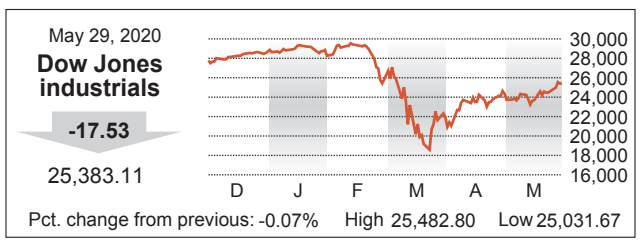

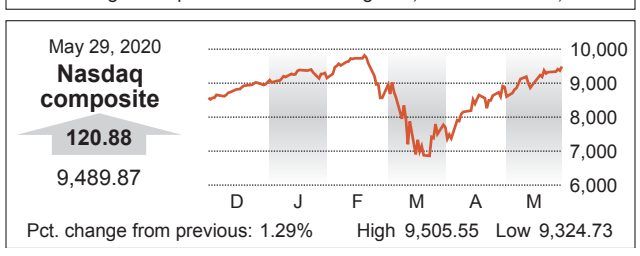

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LocalStocks

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	85.25	+.15	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
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Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.26	+.08	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
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Protecting your small business from hackers

While data breaches at big companies like Target, Home Depot and Sony get a lot of press, small businesses are also at risk.

And because small companies don't typically have the financial resources, technical support, or processes in place to lock down data as effectively as larger firms, they are arguably at greater risk.

The threats are very real and growing for all companies – not just large corporations. According to Symantec's 2016 Internet Threat Report, 65 percent of spear-phishing attacks (a type of targeted cyber attack that involves sending fraudulent email messages to obtain confidential information) in 2015 were aimed at small and mid-size businesses.

Cybercriminals often look at attacking less-protected small companies as a gateway for attacking larger companies with which the small businesses have relationships.

Getting hacked can cause a plethora of problems.

- Inconvenience
- Lost productivity
- Additional costs (to make corrections to your system to remove the threat and prevent future successful attacks)
- Liability (if customers' confidential data is compromised)
- Damage to your brand's reputation

Although hackers have become extremely sophisticated and efficient in their methods, you do have ways to help prevent your small business from falling prey to them.

For starters, educate yourself.

The Small Business Administration offers a free online Cybersecurity for Small Businesses course. It covers topics such as identifying information that should be secured, identifying types of cyber threats, best practices for guarding against cyber threats, and more.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) also offers information and resources to help small business owners learn how to protect themselves from cyber threats. You can even get started creating your own customized cybersecurity plan through the website's Small Biz Cyber Planner 2.0 tool.

A few other ways to increase your cybersecurity include:

Using anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-malware software for protection and keep your computers' software up to date.

Prevent unauthorized use of your computers, mobile devices, and networks by protecting them with passwords and securing them in a safe place when unattended.

Secure your Wi-Fi Network. Configure your access point or router so it won't broadcast your network name (SSID) and require that users need to have your password to access your Wi-Fi.

Use strong, unique passwords for all of your online accounts. Consider using a password management tool that stores and encrypts your unique password info. Those programs make it easier to manage using random, complex passwords because you can authorize them to automatically fill in your info or automatically log you into accounts.

They alleviate the worry of remembering individual passwords every time you need to log in on a site.

For more ways to minimize your small business's risk of getting hacked by cybercriminals, talk with a knowledgeable information technology professional who understands the security needs of small businesses.

Also consider reaching out to your local SCORE chapter for guidance. SCORE mentors have wide-reaching expertise and experience in helping small businesses face challenges and grow their companies.

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Amber Kirtley, left, and Jeff Gullo drink beers at Dacha Beer Garden in the Shaw neighborhood in Washington on Friday as the District of Columbia gradually loosens stay-at-home rules that have been in place since March 25 because of the pandemic.

Trump takes aim at WHO; U.S. economic outlook worsens

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER and DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With new U.S. economic numbers highlighting the rough road ahead for a hoped-for rebound, President Donald Trump on Friday took aim at the World Health Organization and China, blaming both for their roles in the pandemic's devastation.

Trump announced that the United States will end its support for WHO, charging it didn't respond adequately to the health crisis because of China's "total control" over the global organization. Trump said Chinese officials "ignored" their reporting obligations to the WHO and pressured the agency to mislead the world when the virus was first discovered.

Earlier Friday, U.S. Commerce Department statistics showed a record-shattering 13.6 percent drop in spending in April, a day after a federal jobs report showed another 2 million-plus Americans went out of work last week. The depth of the spending drop is particularly damaging because consumer spending is the primary driver of the economy.

The bad economic news was echoed in Europe, where an extensive social welfare net was showing signs of fraying, as protests erupted for a second day in Spain against layoffs by French carmaker Renault and Italy's chief central banker warned that "uncertainty is rife."

Some U.S. states were going ahead with steps to reopen businesses and leisure activities needed to spur spending and restore jobs, but there were also reminders of the risks of moving too quickly.

In Missouri, officials said they were trying to notify "mass numbers of unknown people" after someone who attended crowded pool parties Memorial Day weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks tested positive for COVID-19. Video of the parties circulated widely online, with many people criticizing revelers for flouting social distancing guidelines.

Arkansas over the past week has seen a steady rise in active coronavirus cases, following moves by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to reopen businesses shuttered during the pandemic.

Health officials on Thursday announced the number of active cases, excluding people who have recovered or died, hit a new high of 1,830 in the state, which has had a total of 6,538 cases. Arkansas also hit a record for a one-day increase in infections in the community, meaning ones that don't include the incarcerated.

"We're not going to go back, but we want people to follow those guidelines, make sure they do everything they can to avoid the spread and we can get through this," Hutchinson said.

However, a rural Northern California county decided to temporarily rescind its order allowing reopening of restaurants, shopping and other services after its first coronavirus cases developed.

Lassen County had no reported coronavirus cases until May 22, when state data showed it was one of only two California counties with zero cases. But as of Wednesday, the county of 30,000 people had reported five known cases. Lassen County had started reopening businesses under state rules on May 11.

New York City, meanwhile, was on track to begin reopening June 8 as the state gradually loosens restrictions, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Friday.

The nation's worst pandemic hot spot was meeting goals set for hospital rates and testing, will "stockpile" personal protective equipment like masks and will focus on infection rates in outbreak areas by ZIP code, he said.

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Weekly Roll Call Report for the Herald Palladium

House Bill 5766, Coronavirus epidemic response bills – Tax Tribunal deadlines: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To extend for up to 96 days the filing deadlines for appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal during 2020. Specifically, for deadlines that normally fall between May 27 and the end of August, the new deadline would be August 31.

The Senate Fiscal Agency describes the Tax Tribunal as "an administrative court that hears tax appeals for all Michigan taxes [and] has jurisdiction over assessment disputes only after the assessment has been protested before the [local] Board of Review."

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5097, Authorize small non-payday loans by payday lenders: Passed 58 to 49 in the House

To allow payday lenders to make "small loans" of up $2,500, subject to restrictions specified in the bill. These would be 90-day to one-year loans that are not secured by a future paycheck.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	N
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	N

House Bill 5217, Permit student athletes to earn endorsement revenue: Passed 94 to 13 in the House

To prohibit colleges, the NCAA, or other intercollegiate athletic organizing bodies from prohibiting a student from participating in sports if the student has received compensation for the use of the his or her name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation, or if the student hires an agent.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	N

House Bill 5541, Allow communications impediment state ID card designation: Passed 107 to 0 in the House

To allow a state identification card applicant to request from the Secretary of State a non-public designation in the department's central files as an individual with a communication impediment including autism, and make it so law enforcement has access and can see the designation record.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 718, Extend roadside drug testing statewide: Passed 77 to 30 in the House

To authorize statewide roadside drug testing. This expands a five-county pilot program authorized by a 2016 law.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

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Y = Yes, N = No, X = Not Voting

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Drugs

Alexis N. Dunn, 32, of South Bend, 90 days in jail and $198 in costs for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, March 31 in Bridgman.

Anthony R. Harden, 56, of Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Feb. 17 in Benton Township.

Barry A. Miller Jr., 35, of Ogden Street, Benton Harbor, 140 days in jail and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, second offense, March 4 in Benton Harbor.

Assault

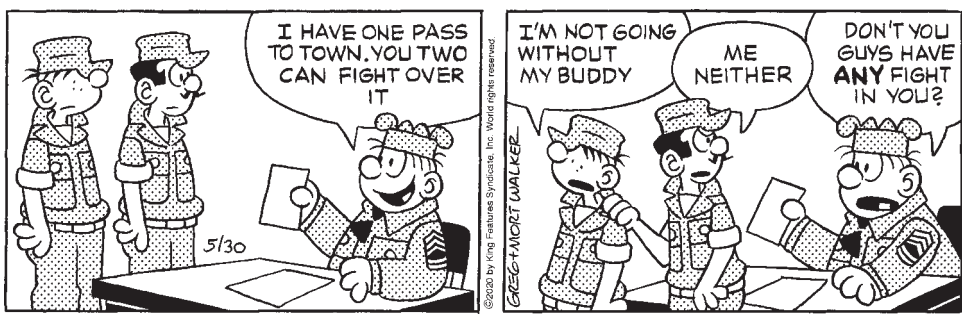
Shaquille D. Jones, 25, of Cedar Street, Benton Harbor, two consecutive terms of 34 months to 10 years in prison and $198 in costs for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and bribing, intimidating or interfering with a witness; and a concurrent term of 93 days for domestic violence, an assault on a woman, Dec. 23, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Niles

Assault

Timothy L. Helms, 33, of Vann Street, Niles, 14 months to 4 years in prison and $198 in costs for assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a woman with a baseball bat, April 28 in Niles.

BEETLE BAILEY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I'M NOT GOING WITHOUT MY BUDDY
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DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANY FIGHT IN YOU?
GREG+MORT WALKER
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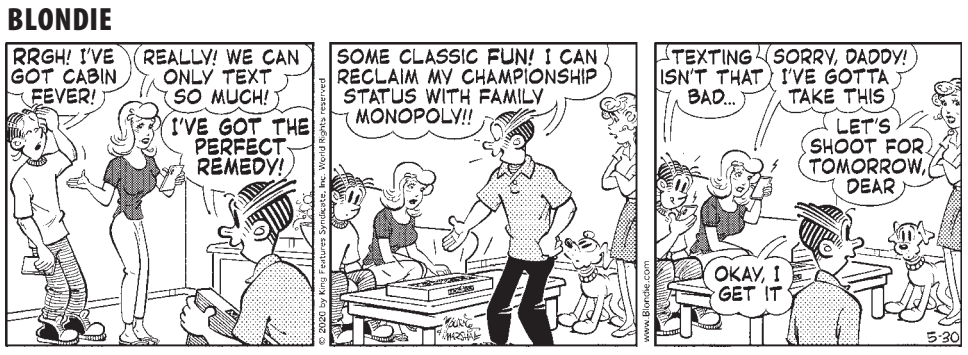
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TEXTING ISN'T THAT BAD...
SORRY, DADDY! I'VE GOTTA TAKE THIS
LET'S SHOOT FOR TOMORROW, DEAR
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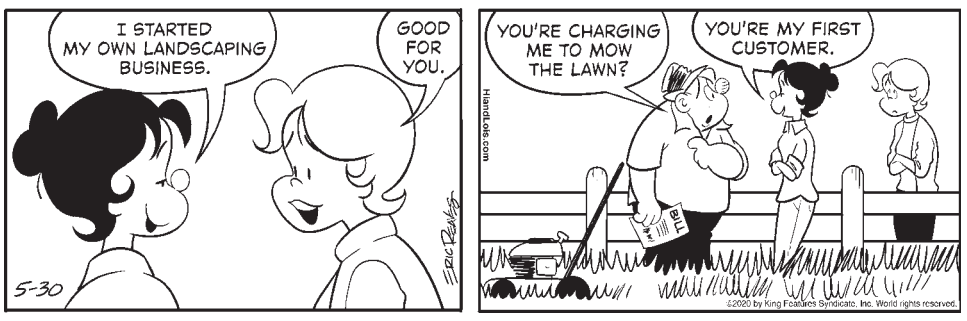
I STARTED MY OWN LANDSCAPING BUSINESS.
GOOD FOR YOU.
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YOU'RE CHARGING ME TO MOW THE LAWN?
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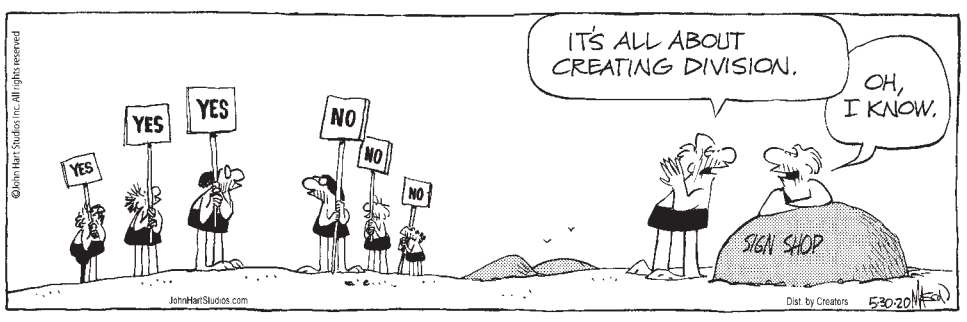

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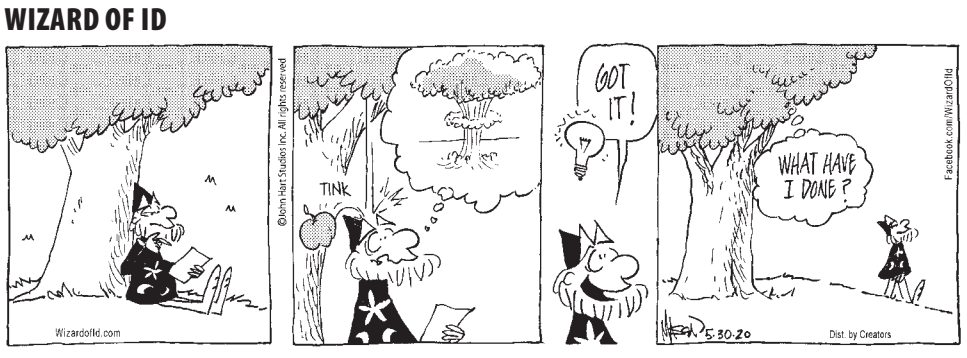

DILBERT

NO FACE MASK?
I HAVE ANTIBODIES FOR THE VIRUS.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
I'M PRETTY SURE I HAD THE VIRUS LAST JANUARY WHEN I HAD A THROAT TICKLE.
I WONDER WHY VIRUS TEST KITS EXIST WHEN WE CAN JUST ASK PEOPLE IF THEY HAD IT.
I WAS WONDERING THE SAME.
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GARFIELD

UGH
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
PROBABLY SOMETHING I DIDN'T EAT
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FORT KNOX

NICE HEAD GEAR.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE FUN OF MY HELMET... ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT! I KNOW HOW BAD YOUR ALLERGIES ARE.
GOOD, KURT.
YOU CAN WEAR IT ALL YOU WANT AND I'LL TREAT YOU THE SAME.
LIKE YOUR FRIEND?
LIKE MY PIÑATA.
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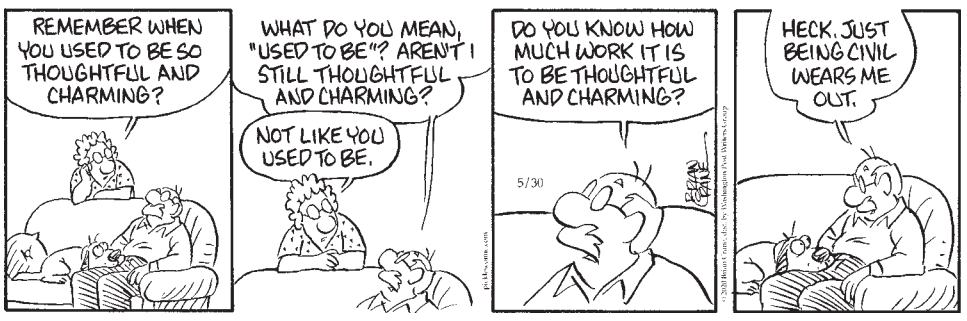
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "USED TO BE"? AREN'T I STILL THOUGHTFUL AND CHARMING?
NOT LIKE YOU USED TO BE.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WORK IT IS TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND CHARMING?
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HECK. JUST BEING CIVIL WEARS ME OUT.
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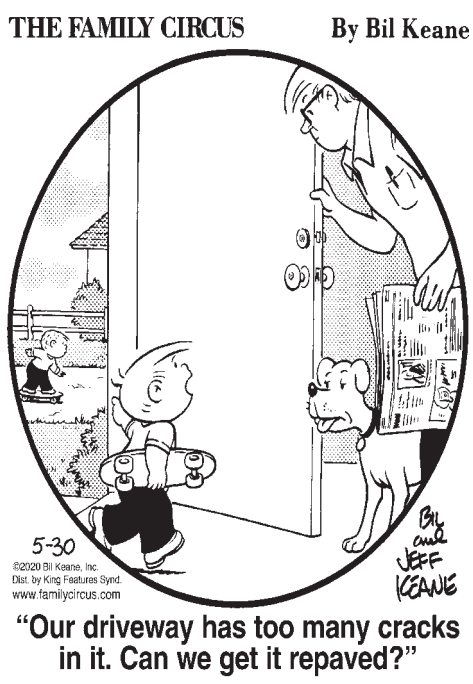
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Our driveway has too many cracks in it. Can we get it repaved?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

WHO WANTS S'MORES?
ME! ME! ME!
I DIDN'T GET TO THE STORE, SO I'M NOT SURE I HAVE THE STUFF.
I GOT A SALTINE, SOME NUTELLA AND A FLINTSTONE VITAMIN.
TORTILLA CHIP, PEANUT BUTTER AND A GUMMY BEAR.
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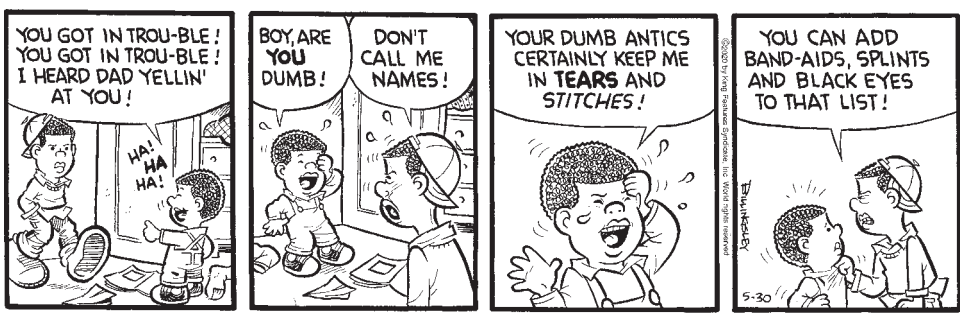
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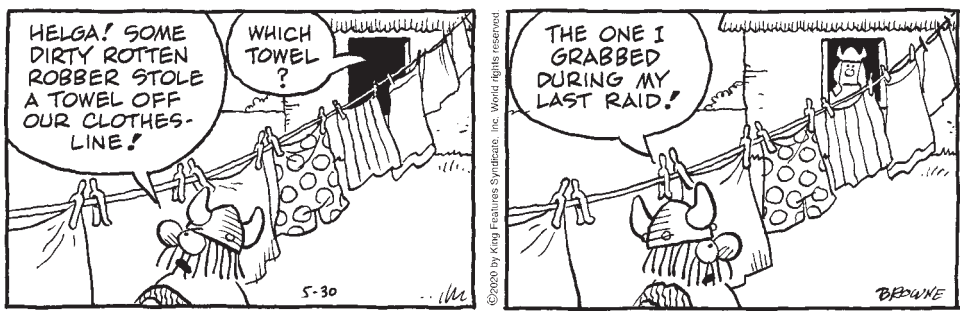
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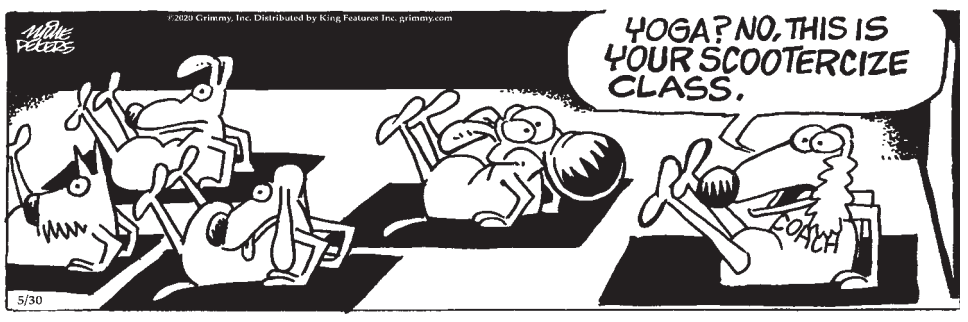
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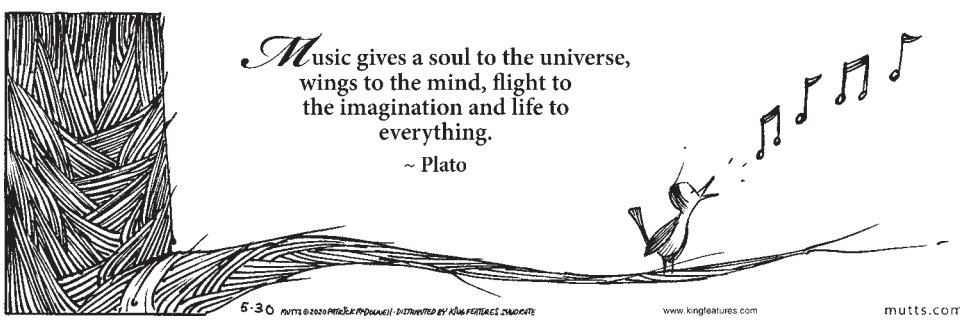
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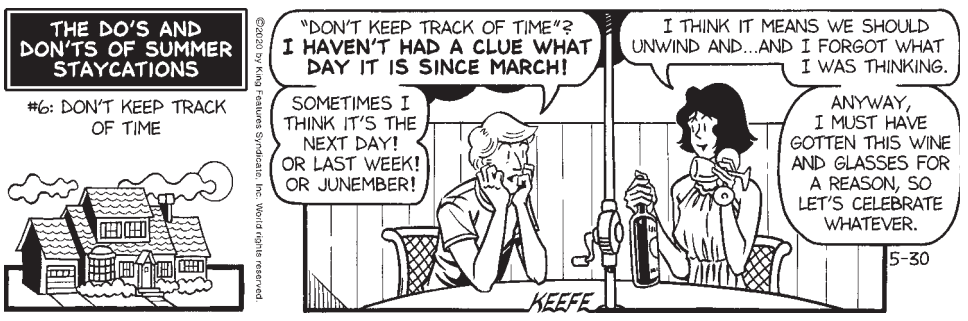
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SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S THE NEXT DAY! OR LAST WEEK! OR JUNEMBER!
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Dick Houston helps Paw Paw Baits live on

Dave Mull

Back in 1940, 16-year-old Jim Houston fibbed that he was 18 and got a job with the Paw Paw Lure Co., which was in a building in the town of Paw Paw where a Biggby Coffee franchise stands today. Two years later, when he really was 18, Jim joined the Navy and served in World War II. After the war, he came back and worked for the bait company again.

Jim passed away in 2014 at the age of 90, and a year later, his son, Dick retired from his job as a finish carpenter for Glas Associates in Kalamazoo. Largely because of his father's affiliation, Dick had collected some original Paw Paw Bait Company lures, and after retiring, he used his woodworking talents to reproduce several of the original models.

Dick was readying to fish from shore at the Huzzy Lake public ramp one afternoon earlier this month, where I was launching my kayak. In the course of a friendly conversation (keeping socially distant, of course), Dick showed me some of his completed wooden baits.

They were quite beautiful – works of art, really. I was surprised when he told me he sold some for $10 apiece. I think he could get considerably more, especially since the designs still fool bass, pike and other gamefish into biting.

I had to catch up with a couple of kayak buddies who were already on the lake, so I asked Dick for his phone number and called him later for more in-depth information.

Dick told me that the Paw Paw Bait Company started as the Moonlight Bait Company in 1900. A couple of fellows who worked at the courthouse in Paw Paw would fish after work and into the night, hence the Moonlight name. That company was best known for making glow-in-the-dark lures.

In 1924, Clyde Sinclair and Floyd Phelps bought the company and changed the name to the Paw Paw Bait Company a couple of years later. It stopped production in 1964, but remains one of the best-known lure and tackle companies that operated in Southwest Michigan.

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Dick Houston of Lawton displays some of his handmade wooden wares that include duplicates of lures made by the Paw Paw Bait Company.

That list included Dowagiac's James Heddon and Sons Lure Company and Kalamazoo's William Shakespeare Jr. Lure Company. Heddon is now one of several lure brands under the Arkansas-based PRADCO corporation and Shakespeare is under the Iowa-based Pure Fishing corporation. No one other than Dick Houston makes Paw Paw Lures, and his, of course, have no affiliation with any company.

Dick said his family had a summer place on Scott Lake near Bloomingdale, where father Jim took him fishing.

"He used to fish a lot and all of his lures were Paw Paw Lures," Dick recalled. Dick, a lifelong Lawton resident, was something of a late blooming bass angler himself.

"A couple of years before I retired, I ran into a guy who was a big bass fisherman and he got me hooked on it," Dick said. "So I stared bass fishing with him."

His father's association with Paw Paw Lures led Dick to start collecting some of them along with antique lures from other companies.

When he retired, he looked for something "just to keep me busy in the wintertime," he said, noting he doesn't ice fish. "I went on YouTube and saw how guys painted plastic baits and stuff and thought 'I could do that.' I had some money from my dad's estate sale and bought an air brush."

Now, with his own lathe, he spins pieces of cedar wood and shapes them into duplicates of the original lures. The process then calls for hand sanding the lure bodies, adding hooks and painting each lure, one at a time.

Some of the popular models include the Wotta Frog (a particularly difficult one to make due to its wooden appendages), the Paw Paw Mouse, the Pikie and Jointed Pikie.

He also makes some of his own designs including a jointed wooden bluegill lure with a ridged metal tail made from a cupcake tin.

If you run into Dick at a launch ramp, you can buy some of the lures he has in a wooden display case, but you probably won't get far if you ask him to make special lures just for you.

"People ask me for my number so they can order lures later and I tell them I don't have a phone," he said. "This is a hobby that I enjoy, and it's getting a little tougher to make these lures as I have arthritis. I can only do so much hand sanding."

Still, he figures he has sold about four hundred lures over the past four years. This year, he noted, COVID-19 has made sales tougher "because a lot of people don't really want to talk to me and there aren't that many people at the ramps."

It has been a fun, satisfying hobby and he hopes to continue although he said "each year I think I'm not going to do it anymore."

One thing does trouble him a bit.

"My biggest regret is my dad never got to see any of the baits I made," he said.

Outdoors columnist Dave Mull lives in Paw Paw. Write to him at dave.sportfish.mull@gmail.com.

Number of hunters in Michigan, nation are declining

By CRYSTAL NELSON
The Alpena News

ALPENA — Hunting keeps Alpena County resident Allen Shaw connected to family, as well as the great outdoors.

Shaw has been hunting for the last 16 years and remembers hunting with his father and grandfather.

Throughout the years, Shaw has hunted deer, bear, turkey, and small game. But, Shaw said, for him, a successful hunt isn't necessarily one where an animal has been harvested. It's more about time spent with his family.

"My favorite part about hunting is family time," Shaw told The Alpena News. "Before I was old enough to actually hunt, I remember hanging out with my grandfather and sitting with him all day long when I was 8 years old. With the heater we had, we actually cooked soup on top of that for lunch."

Shaw is one of 13,140 sportsmen who pulled permits to hunt wildlife in Northeast Michigan in 2019, including 5,348 in Alpena County, 2,418 in Alcona County, 2,321 in Montmorency County, and 3,053 in Presque Isle County.

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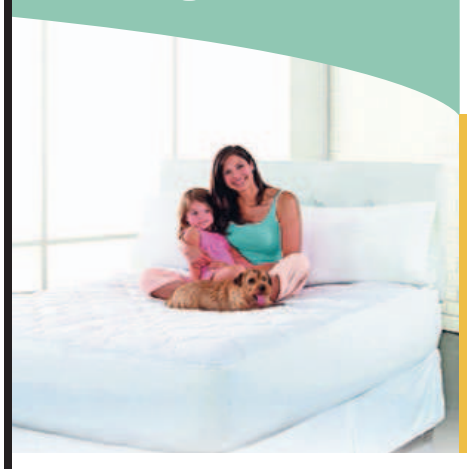

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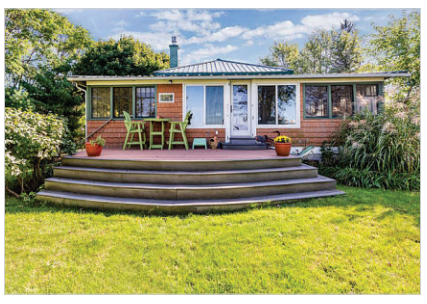

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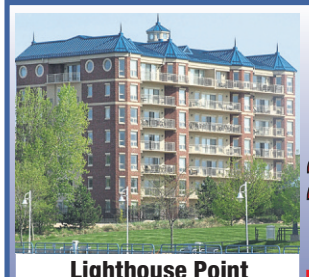

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On May 19, 2020, Pensacola Christian College, Inc. filed an application with the FCC to renew the license of W212CL, Benton Harbor, MI, which serves the community on 90.3 MHZ FM with 17 watts transmitter power from a site located at N 42-5-52; W 86-26-15. W212CL rebroadcasts the signal of radio station WPCS, Pensacola, FL, operating on Channel 208, 89.5 MHZ. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the FCC.

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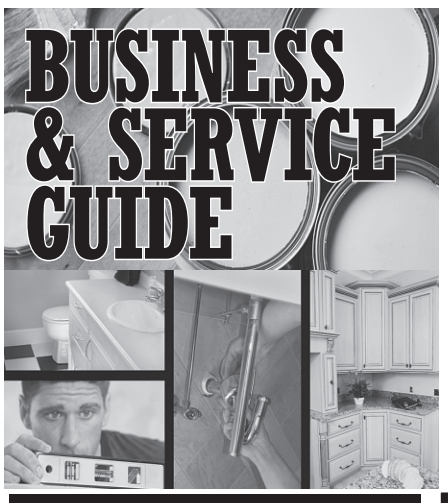

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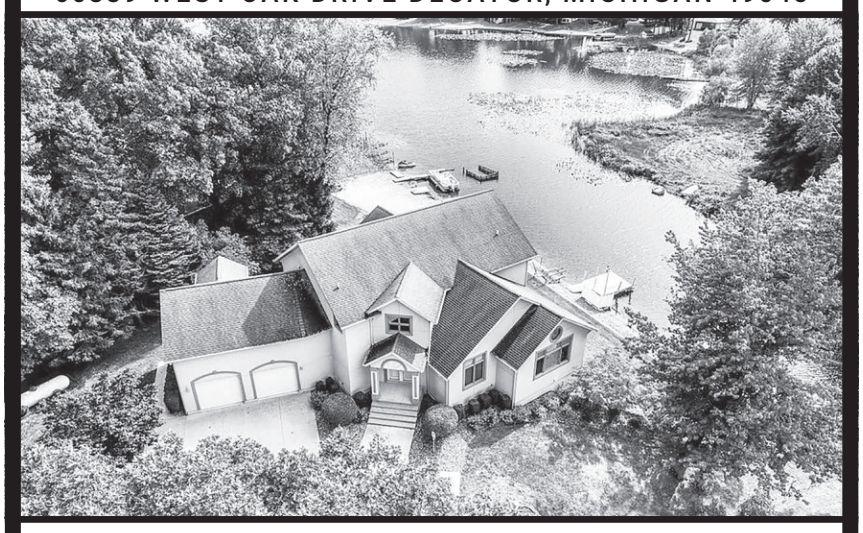

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Take care of sensitive issues as they arise. If you let matters linger too long, it will be much harder to deal with them appropriately. Look out for your best interest and distance yourself from those who are not trustworthy or a good influence. Strive to be your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will mislead you if you are gullible. Put your energy into self-improvement and personal growth, and seek out people who bring out the best in you. Choose your partners wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Concentrate on home improvements and doing the work yourself. Keep your plans to yourself for the time being. The less interference you face, the easier it will be to get things done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your generosity will be taken advantage of by someone eager to separate you from your cash. Offer your time or skills, but don't take on others' responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think things out and follow through with your plans. Refuse to let anyone beat you at your own game. Stay on top of what everyone else is doing and play to win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do more while saying less. Your actions will have a significant impact on the people who depend on you for love and assistance. Be a leader and set the standard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't limit what you can do when there are so many possibilities. Expand your knowledge and make a difference by contributing to something you value. Speak up regarding your beliefs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Refuse to let emotional issues interfere with your plans. It's best to get along and to distance yourself from troublemakers or those who encourage you to adopt bad habits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take care of personal matters. Look over your documents, investments or issues that could jeopardize your health. Adopt a healthy and happy lifestyle. A creative project will ease stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Refuse to let someone interfere in your business. Pay attention to domestic matters and figure out how best to deal with inevitable changes. Be open about your feelings and intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Observe what others do and say. Consider the motives that someone close to you might have before you commit to something you aren't sure you want to do. It's OK to say no.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your secrets to yourself. Someone you think you can trust will let you down. Focus on personal and financial gain, not on joint ventures. Do your best. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change will give you a different perspective on life and what you are capable of doing. Draw on your experience, and you will be able to cut corners and save time and money.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Keep an open mind, but don't lose sight of your goal. If you get wrapped up in helping others get ahead, you'll fall short of reaching your dreams. Put greater emphasis on expanding your knowledge, skills and outlook. Make sure you're the one who benefits from your time and effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Deny anyone the opportunity to interfere in your personal decisions or life choices. Be secretive about your plans until you are well on your way to achieving your goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be creative and turn your home into a place that brings you comfort and joy. Spend the day puttering around and making your surroundings more convenient and less cluttered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Plan to do something with a loved one. Avoid situations that allow for outside interference. Be quick to question anything or anyone that might upset your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you don't like what's happening, do your own thing. The changes you make will broaden your outlook and help you decide what you need to do to improve your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Show more discipline when it comes to domestic matters. If someone is overreacting, distance yourself until the situation calms down. Personal growth will help you make positive choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your money, personal documents and passwords in a safe place. Someone will take advantage of you if you aren't careful. A smart move on your part will eliminate loss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stick to what you know and to those who bring out the best in you. A promise you make to a loved one will bring you closer together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are overdue for a change. Something you discover will encourage you to head in a new direction and do things differently. Applying your skills to suit current trends will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Emotional situations will surface quickly. Keep the peace and channel your energy into positive pursuits. Engage in home and domestic improvements that encourage better relationships with the people you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make lifestyle adjustments that will encourage learning, enlightenment and problem-solving. Avoid indulgent behavior.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put more time and effort into maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Exercise, diet and rest will bring out the best in you. Challenge yourself to be and do better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Honesty will be an issue. Abide by the rules. Don't try or expect to get away with something you shouldn't do. When uncertainty sets in, recognize it as a red flag.

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Crossword Answers C3

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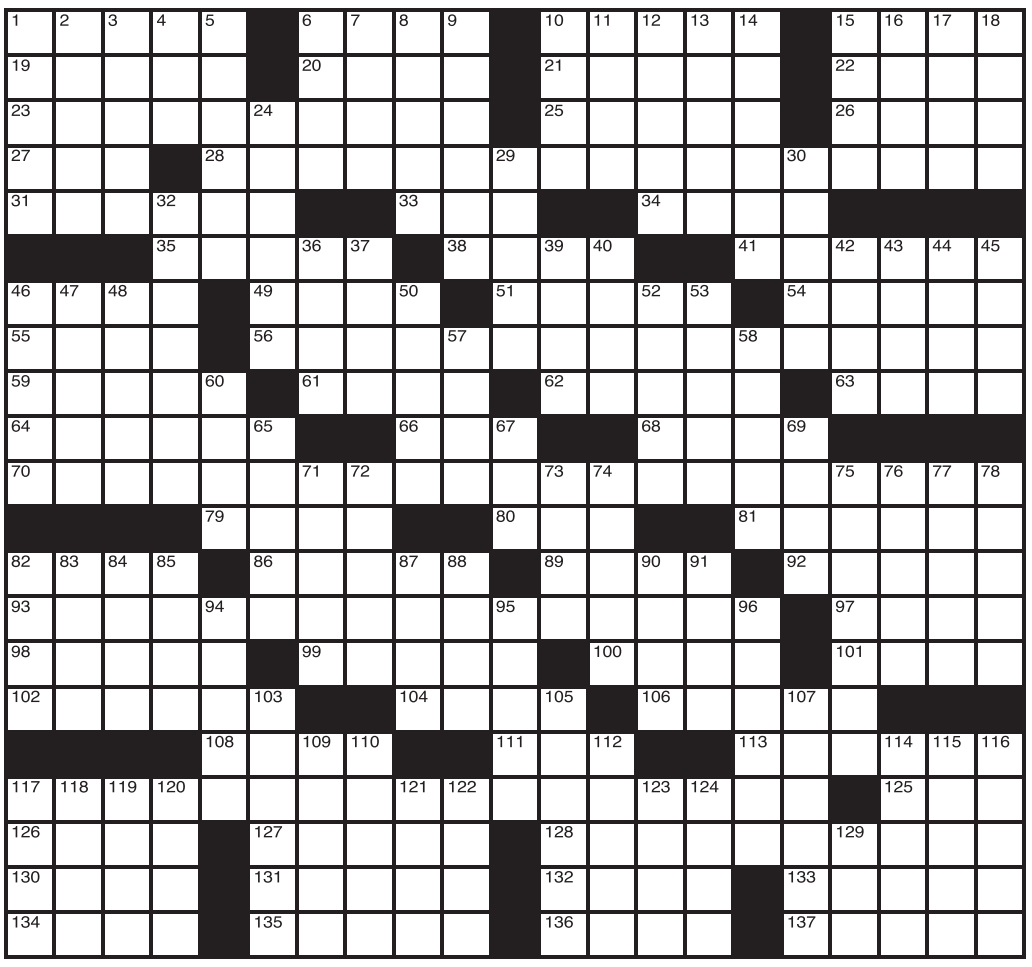
ACROSS

1 Swahili boss
6 Canasta combination
10 Cockatoo feature
15 Boring tools
19 Many a surfer
20 Others, in Latin
21 Vigor
22 Acquire, as an advantage
23 My crayon __
25 Pay television
26 Designated space
27 Four-wheeler, briefly
28 My ruler __
31 Step on it when you need to step on it
33 Carnival city
34 Applies henna to, say
35 Mink cousin
38 Sack lead-in
41 Mount north of Redding, California
46 Golf course rental
49 Blunted sword
51 Text sent with x's and o's
54 Cultural character
55 Felt remorse for
56 My needle __
59 Quacked company name
61 Computer instructions
62 Courtyard
63 Dramatic offering
64 Mediterranean capital
66 Tats
68 One of this puzzle's 144
70 My belt __
79 Ground cover
80 "Yess!"
81 Empower
82 What may come to mind
86 Native New Zealander
89 Fix, as a toy
92 Sleep disorder
93 My cake __
97 Shut (up)
98 South Pacific island group
99 Parasite
100 Benefit
101 Cookie with a Red Velvet variety
102 Attacks
104 Climb, in a way
106 Direct attention
108 Soften
111 As we speak
113 Beefy soup ingredient
117 My knife __
125 Genetic material
126 "Need anything __?"
127 Fluffy-eared marsupial
128 And my champagne __
130 Crossword-solving Simpson
131 Celtic language
132 Trac II cousin
133 Walt Whitman volunteered as one during the Civil War
134 Title for fictional detective Peter Wimsey
135 Parachute fabric
136 Help grow up
137 Printer cartridge contents

DOWN

1 Lacking talent for
2 Deserving of
3 "All Day Strong" brand
4 Not seen before
5 Longtime PLO chairman
6 Mauritania neighbor
7 Airline to Israel
8 Hard-hit batted ball
9 Small antelope with an echoic name
10 First name in design
11 Wander aimlessly
12 Reporter at the front
13 Spread outward
14 Academic research papers
15 Jellylike alga extract
16 Goods suffix
17 Stead
18 Start of a football play
24 Poured juices over
29 Bar mixer
30 Director in the theater?
32 Approached nightfall
36 "Iliad," for one
37 Second chance
39 Leaning to one side
40 Reebok rival
42 Resting upon
43 Jewish assembly site
44 Roman garment
45 Grayish
46 19th-century diarist Henry __ Robinson
47 Pot-__: "on the fire" French stew
48 Thing of the past
50 Lead to
52 Twining plant
53 Functional
57 Look after
58 Legislative body
60 Snake worshippers, e.g.
65 Spanish 51-Across
67 Tab, say
69 European erupter
71 Slow way of speaking
72 Barely ahead
73 Reckless
74 Personality categories
75 Bond that promotes easy communication
76 Baseball's Doubleday
77 __ Woods, original voice of Disney's Cinderella
78 "Groovy!"
82 In that case
83 Basketball Hall of Fame coach Smith
84 Stately trees
85 Cream additive
87 Small deer
88 Move bit by bit
90 "When it's __": answer to a classic riddle
91 Symbol of bondage
94 So last year
95 "To __ own self be true": "Hamlet"
96 Soil
103 Finally registered
105 A stone's throw
107 Degree
109 Apartment building unit
110 Web message
112 Harmless, as a lie
114 Add splendor to
115 Occupied
116 "See ya"
117 Honeycomb compartment
118 Miscellany
119 Cold War initials
120 Play the first card
121 Besides that
122 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
123 Poet Pound
124 Old Russian autocrat
129 Sonny and Cher, for one



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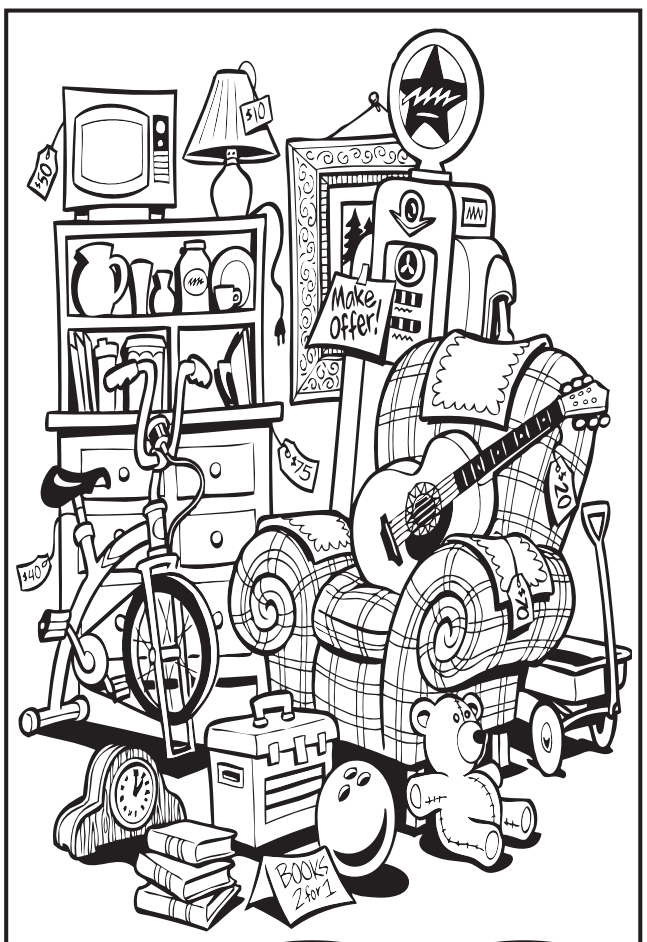

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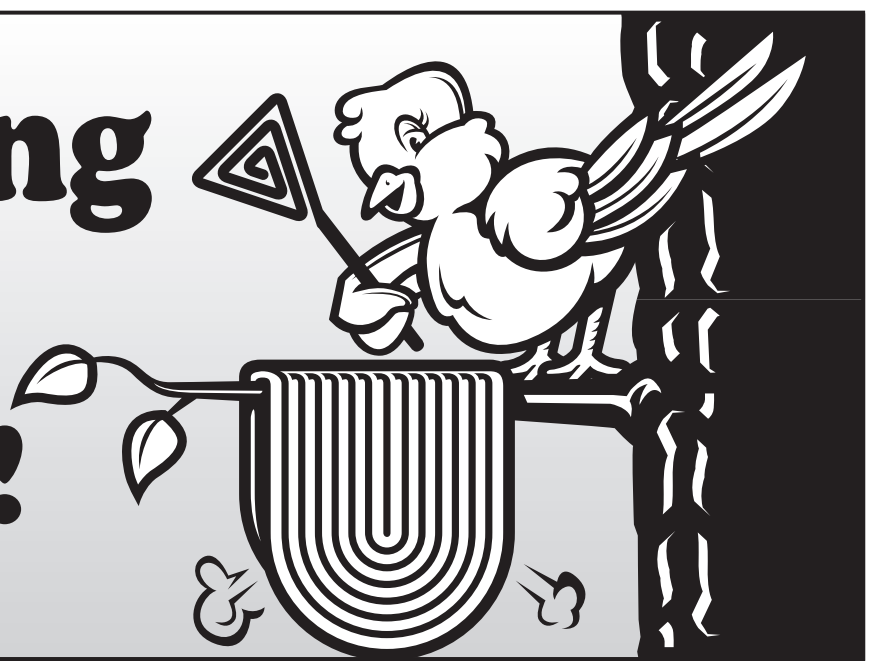

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FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH*	- 2,000
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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,935
REBATE	- 3,000
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 2,000
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CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500
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MSRP	$52,200
EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 5,176
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL	$47,024
BONUS CASH	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$45,524
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$57,190
ADD FOR DUMP BODY	+14,785
SUBTOTAL	$71,975
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 5,980
BONUS BUCKS DISCOUNT	- 1,250
GREAT LAKES BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	- 2,000
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$61,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
GREAT LAKES BC CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE*	- 500

AS LOW AS $60,745

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MSRP	$44,875
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,130
REBATE	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
BONUS CASH	- 1,500
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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,670
REBATE	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
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WAS $26,815 **NOW $25,869**

2017 BMW 430I XDRIVE GRAN COUPE AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 20K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White F20049A

WAS $31,996 **NOW $26,475**

2011 FORD F-350 XLT CREW CAB 4X4 WITH SNOW PLOW

6.7 V8 DIESEL EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 60K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, SYNC, CD-Player, The Boss Snow Plow, Car Smart Checked! Sterling Gray F19236A

WAS $35,750 **NOW $29,332**

2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Quad Seating, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U20026A

WAS $8,650 **NOW $7,847**

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WAS $20,995 **NOW $19,995**

2016 MAZDA CX-5 TOURING AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Bose Sound System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! Soul Red S20005

NOW $18,995

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 71K Miles, Remote Start, Power Front Seats, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue F19415A

NOW $18,999

2017 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bar, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Blind Spot Monitoring with Trailer Tow Monitoring, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver C20089A

WAS $37,243 **NOW $34,657**

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U19219

WAS $22,953 **NOW $20,712**

2018 DODGE CHARGER GT AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Granite U20050

NOW $25,442

2019 FORD F-250 SRW CREW CAB 4X4 WITH PLOW

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Cast Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Fiberglass Bed Cap, Running Boards, SYNC, Snow Plow Package, STX Appearance Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic C20075A

NOW $41,975

2015 RAM 1500 SLT OUTDOORSMAN ECO DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4

3.0 V6 Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Semi-Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright Silver C19274A

NOW $25,790

2014 CADILLAC SRX 4 LUXURY COLLECTION AWD

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 108K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White F19485C

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans U20059

NOW $28,994

2017 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 81K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Machine Gray M19186A

WAS $20,675 **NOW $19,995**

2017 HONDA CIVIC EX

1.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray C20042A

WAS $18,395 **NOW $17,513**

2017 JEEP PATRIOT HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black U20043

WAS $16,994 **NOW $15,899**

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Remote Start, Spray-In Bedliner, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Ram Certified! Bright Silver U19242

WAS $29,201 **NOW $27,827**

2014 AUDI A6 PREMIUM PLUS AWD

2.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U18194A

NOW $14,743

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 11K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red C20111A

WAS $29,653 **NOW $26,232**

2016 BUICK ENCORE AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chromed Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Carbon Black U20057

NOW $17,969

2016 HONDA HR-V EXL AWD

1.8 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 85K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Blue M20017A

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD F-150 STX SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, SYNC 3, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20001

WAS $31,764 **NOW $31,201**

2016 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.6 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 31K Miles, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Power Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20000

WAS $37,909 **NOW $36,299**

2016 RAM 1500 SPORT CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 40K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Sting Yellow U20060

NOW $32,956

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS QUAD CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 33K Miles, 5.0 Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Bright White U20046

WAS $25,819 **NOW $24,287**

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Adaptive Cruise Control, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Jeep Advanced Active Safety Group, Lane Departure Alert, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White C20135A

NOW $29,839

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 40K Wheels, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitoring, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20015

WAS $28,999 **NOW $27,403**

2017 LINCOLN MKZ RESERVE AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Panoramic Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Jade Green U20019

WAS $22,692 **NOW $21,595**

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS CREW CAB 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Clad Wheels, 22K Miles, Anti-Spin Differential Rear Axle, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Delmonico Red F19489A

NOW $25,995

2016 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Driver's Seat, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! White S20003

WAS $21,995 **NOW $21,500**

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 43K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20025

WAS $27,996 **NOW $26,632**

2018 CHEVY TRAX LS AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver C19329C

WAS $15,994 **NOW $15,494**

2015 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Leather Heated Seating, 6.5 Touchscreen Display, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Copper C19150A

WAS $27,997 **NOW $26,568**

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Group IV, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red U20030

WAS $28,979 **NOW $26,889**

2014 FORD F-150 STX SUPERCAB 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, SYNC, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Black Vinyl Floor Covering, Remote Keyless Entry System, Sunset Metallic U20032

WAS $18,876 **NOW $17,930**

2014 CHEVY CAMARO LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 62K Miles, Remote Start, Power Seating, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Red U20049

NOW $16,511

2015 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO LT CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 61K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray U20033

WAS $26,981 **NOW $26,511**

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20036

WAS $27,913 **NOW $26,870**

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2020 HERALD-PALLADIUM SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The honorable 'Scooby'

Benton Harbor's Carlos Johnson keeps picking up the awards

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

One of the most decorated high school basketball players in Benton Harbor prep history has added another honor to his long list of accomplishments.

Carlos "Scooby" Johnson today was name The Herald-Palladium's Senior Male Athlete of the Year. He is the seventh Benton Harbor male athlete to win the prestigious area award since its inception in 1950.

Johnson, a four-year basketball starter for the Tigers, won seven letters, including two in cross country and one in track.

The all-time leading career scorer in Benton Harbor history netted 1,940 points. He averaged 25.3 points, 11.6 rebounds, 6.1 assists, 5.3 blocks and 3.6 steals per game his senior season. The Tigers' record was 81-9 over Johnson's four seasons.

Like many area athletes, his senior season was cut short by the cancellation of athletics due to the coronavirus. His prep basketball career ended with the Tigers still in district tournament play.

But the postseason was cut short as the Michigan High School Athletic Association ultimately canceled the rest of the tournament due to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the time Benton Harbor was rated No. 1 in Division 2 by the Associated Press.

"It was very disappointing, because I felt we had an excellent shot at winning another state title," said Johnson, who nevertheless won the state's Mr. Basketball award this spring. "I really wanted to get back to the Breslin Center."

Johnson's next basketball game will be for Butler University, where he has received a full athletic scholarship. The 4.0 grade-point average student plans to major in sports management and hopes to eventually play in the National Basketball Association.

"Carlos can dominate the game without scoring points," noted his high school coach, Corey Sterling. "He is shooting at a high percentage from 3-point range and his mid-range and post game are supreme.

"He has hit the weights and now has a D1 college and NBA body at 6-foot-6, 230 pounds. He is a playmaker with an amazing basketball IQ."

A first-team AP all-stater all four years, Johnson as a sophomore hit a 3-pointer with a second left in overtime to capture the 2018 Class B state championship for the Tigers.

"Making that shot will always be my fondest memory. It brought back a state championship to Benton Harbor," Johnson said.

Two weeks ago, he was named captain of the Detroit Free Press boys basketball "Dream Team."

Johnson is the son of Racheal Smith and Carlos Johnson Sr.

Previous Benton Harbor male athletes to win The Herald-Palladium's Male Athlete of the Year Award include: Brian Echols (1993), Curtis McManus (1986), Don Hopkins (1970), Ellis Hull (1966), Alex McNutt (1963) and Don Arend (1955).

Don Campbell / HP staff

Benton Harbor's Carlos Johnson is The Herald-Palladium's 2020 Senior Male Athlete of the Year.

HP Senior Male Athlete of the Year award recipients

2020 – Carlos Johnson, Benton Harbor
2019 – Zach Goodline, Coloma
2018 – Tyler Hill, Lakeshore
2017 – Brian Patrick, Bridgman
2016 – Nick Knowlton, Bridgman
2015 – Derek Gribler, Lawrence
2014 – Brock Thumm, Watervliet
2013 – Dontel Highsmith, Dowagiac
2012 – Brett Thumm, Watervliet
2011 – Cameron Magro, Bridgman
2010 – Jamaal Jackson, St. Joseph
2009 – Isiah Grimes, South Haven
2008 – Jamie Simpson, Dowagiac
2007 – P.J. Patterson, Eau Claire
2006 – Shelby Wood, Berrien Springs
2005 – Derrick Mitchell, Paw Paw
2004 – Jamin Olds, Hartford
2003 – Todd Ptacek, Lake Michigan Catholic
2002 – Matt Roose, River Valley
2001 – Jon Koch, Berrien Springs
2000 – Jamie White, Dowagiac
1999 – Nick Onken, Fennville
1998 – Brent Lesniak, Dowagiac
1997 – Micah Zuhl, St. Joseph
1996 – Mike Myers, Brandywine
1995 – Frank Alferi, Fennville
1994 – C.J. Remmo, Buchanan
1993 – Brian Echols, Benton Harbor
1992 – Mike Smedley, Buchanan
1991 – Mike Lake, Berrien Springs
1990 – Ebon Sanders, St. Joseph
1989 – Rob Fredrickson, St. Joseph
1988 – Dave Hahn, River Valley
1987 – Michael Greene, Buchanan
1986 – Curtis McManus, Benton Harbor
1985 – Mike Gilette, St. Joseph and Ryan Pschigoda, Bridgman
1984 – Will Koch, Berrien Springs
1983 – Dan Hutchinson, Watervliet
1982 – Mike Simaz, Lake Michigan Catholic
1981 – Dave Karpinski, Buchanan
1980 – Tim Gourley, Niles
1979 – Scott Andrews, Lakeshore
1978 – Bill Morehead, Bridgman
1977 – Tom Jager, Lakeshore
1976 – Don Kooy, Galien
1975 – Taylor Lanier, Eau Claire
1974 – Charlie Shafer, Lakeshore
1973 – Mike Ward, Eau Claire
1972 – Bob Luther, Galien
1971 – Crag Riley, Niles
1970 – Don Hopkins, Benton Harbor
1969 – Richard Haskins, Eau Claire
1968 – Joel Carlson, Coloma
1967 – Tim Klein, Niles
1966 – Ellis Hull, Benton Harbor
1965 – Kent Ingles, Galien
1964 – Terry Palleschi, St. Joseph
1963 – Alex McNutt, Benton Harbor
1962 – Randy Pschigoda, Bridgman
1961 – Marty Tretheway, Lakeshore
1960 – John Dase, St. Joseph
1959 – Jim Stouffer, BH St. John's
1958 – Bill Ford, BH St. John's
1957 – Jason Harness, St. Joseph
1956 – Casey Clark, Berrien Springs
1955 – Don Arend, Benton Harbor
1954 – Glenn Briggs, Berrien Springs
1953 – Richie Morlock, Watervliet
1952 – Paul Weber, St. Joseph
1951 – Ancil Rodgers, BH St. John's
1950 – Dale Rifenberg, Buchanan

Chase Elliott ends week of misery with overdue Cup victory

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — Chase Elliott's streak of bitter defeats in NASCAR's frantic first push of rescheduled races finally ended with his first Cup victory of the season.

Elliott won Thursday night in the rain-delayed event at Charlotte Motor Speedway to close a brutal 12 days for NASCAR. The event, postponed Wednesday night, was the fourth Cup race since the series resumed racing May 17.

Elliott had two frustrating losses in that span, including defeat Sunday night in the Coca-Cola 600 when a caution flew two laps from the finish with Elliott leading.

"Man, it's been a tough week for sure," Elliott said. "We've had some tough losses but that deal on Sunday night was a heart-breaker."

Elliott's frustration began last week – three Cup races ago – when he was trying to race for the lead at Darlington Raceway and was wrecked by Kyle Busch.

Then he had the 600 checkered flag in site until a caution caused by his own teammate. Elliott pitted from the lead, took four tires and couldn't get back to the front in the two-lap overtime sprint.

There was little suspense in this one. Elliott reeled in Kevin Harvick with 27 laps remaining and closed out the victory. Elliott also won the Truck Series race Tuesday night at Charlotte to give him a pair of victories in a four-race stretch at the track a few minutes away from Hendrick Motorsports headquarters.

"It's not the Coke 600, but any win in the Cup series is really hard to get," Elliott said. "I just really appreciate everybody at Hendrick Motorsports across the street here. Everybody's been working really hard."

Elliott was charging hard on Harvick with about 35 laps remaining when he asked if he had enough fuel to make it to the finish. Crew chief Alan Gustafson replied, "Yup. Go hard."

Elliott did just that. But after passing Harvick, with nothing but clear track in front of him, Elliott couldn't help but feel haunted by Sunday night.

"I was just waiting for the caution to come out," he said. "If the caution didn't come out, I was thinking I was probably going to break something or I was going to crash. After the last last couple weeks, surely it was going to go green until the end.

"Hopefully we're back on the right path."

Denny Hamlin finished second in a Toyota with three crew members sitting at home under suspension for an infraction Sunday night. His crew chief, car chief and engineer earned automatic four-race suspensions when a piece of tungsten fell off Hamlin's car on a pace lap.

Because NASCAR is holding all its events as one day shows without qualifying or practice, Hamlin said his Joe Gibbs Racing team was able to push through the upheaval.

"The one day format makes it easier for us," Hamlin said. "If we had qualifying it would definitely hurt. But under these circumstances that we are in it doesn't hurt that bad."

Ryan Blaney was third in a Ford for Team Penske, followed by Ricky Stenhouse Jr. for JTG-Daughtery Racing, a tremendous boost after a bad resumption of the season. Stenhouse wrecked on the first lap of the first race and finished last, then was 25th and 24th before Thursday.

Blaney, who is one of Elliott's closest friends, has been hosting NASCAR's most popular driver as the sport has raced four times in five nights at Charlotte. He said Elliott was able to refocus on the Truck Series race after losing the 600, then after beating Busch to earn a $100,000 bounty, Elliott shifted his attention to the Cup race.

"We talked about the race and that is just bad luck. He has had a lot of back luck," Blaney said. "With the 600, that stunk for him. We talked aobut it that night but he was ready for the Trucks race. We did talk and there was a couple hours of it. But he moved on and showed he could win two in a row."

Hamlin thought all the focus on Elliott's losses was overblown.

"Sometimes cautions are not going to fall your way," Hamlin said. "I think everyone feels bad because it is Chase and everyone loves him."

Asked if he felt sorry for Elliott, Hamlin answered with a definitive "No."

Elliott's victory was the first for a Chevrolet driver in NASCAR's return to Cup racing. Harvick won the first race back in a Ford, Hamlin won the second race in a Toyota and Brad Keselowski won the 600 in a Ford.

But Elliott and his Hendrick teammates have been very strong since the series came back from a 10-week shutdown for the coronavirus pandemic.

Frida Kahlo exhibit not coming to SHCA in 2020

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Frida Kahlo (Senora Diego Rivera) sits next to an agave plant during a "Senoras of Mexico" photo shoot for Vogue magazine in 1937.

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — One of the most ambitious endeavors to bring a nationally known traveling exhibition to the South Haven Center for the Arts has been put on hold due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The art center obtained a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to unveil an exhibition this spring honoring the late Frida Kahlo, considered the most famous female Mexican artist of her time.

"Frida Kahlo's Garden," was set to open in June, but this week, the art center announced the exhibition and many of its accompanying events throughout the community are now postponed until further notice.

"We signed the contract to receive this exhibition back in December of 2017, and many hours of hard work have been put into preparing to receive and execute such a large exhibition, as well as planning to fill the summer with accompanying events and programming," Kerry Hagy, executive director for the art center, said in a letter to art center members. "So it is with true disappointment that I share with you that we have had to cancel the traveling exhibition. Due to the COVID-19 situation's effect on the timing and the heightened risk to our staff, volunteers, members and visitors, there was too much to overcome."

The traveling exhibition highlights Kahlo's garden, Casa Azul, the colorful outdoor private world where the famous artist drew inspiration for her paintings.

The exhibit contains reproductions of Kahlo's paintings, a film showing the garden and reproductions of the courtyard kitchen in her garden, and the desk where she worked, according to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The garden outside Kahlo's home was a refuge where she painted, taught her students and entertained friends.

In bringing the exhibition to South Haven, the art center staff had planned to start a community garden containing the same types of flowers and plants that are grown at Casa Azul, which still exists in Mexico. The art center also had planned other events centering on the life and works of Kahlo.

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Start June by saying something nice, end it with cake

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

We've nearly made it to June – almost halfway through this heartbreaking, and just plain wacky, year.

So, I think it's time to celebrate again.

Start the month on Monday, June 1, with National Say Something Nice Day. The day, founded in 2006, is a day to be extra pleasant.

Here are some nice things you could say to your coworkers, friends or loved ones: "Get home safe," "I think you're swell," "I think you did a good job on your last project," "I'm glad I know you," "Don't forget to eat a vegetable this week."

Remember, "something nice" doesn't have to be a compliment on someone's physical appearance. We don't want you coming off as a creepo.

After you've buttered up your boss with nice sayings on Monday, on Tuesday you can skip out a bit early for National Leave the Office Early Day.

Last year, I told you about National Cheese Day on June 4. The day is also National Cognac Day.

I had no idea what cognac was before looking it up, other than alcohol. It's actually a variety of brandy. It was named after the town of Cognac in France, and is produced in the wine-growing region that surrounds the town.

On June 6, spend a little time in your garden. The day is National Gardening Exercise Day.

Since gyms still aren't open, and some people in Michigan even protested to garden this year, it's the perfect holiday.

On June 10, pick up or make some egg rolls for National Egg Roll Day.

This is just the second anniversary of the day, which was created last year to honor Van and Kim Nguyen, two Vietnamese immigrants who made their American dream come true by founding an egg roll company in 1986.

Asian food restaurants in the U.S. have been struggling since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic due to fear and racism spreading around the virus.

The reality is that all restaurants have the same cleanliness and food safety requirements, so you're taking as much risk picking up egg rolls on June 10 as you would be getting a Big Mac.

Last year, I told you about National Loving Day on June 12, but it's also National Jerky Day.

The day, created by Jack Link's Beef Jerky in 2012, is meant to celebrate the "rich history, immense popularity and nutritional benefits of dried meat snacks."

The only kind of jerky I've ever liked is the turkey jerky I got from an Amish

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Eddie Zajdel, 22, stands on the pitcher's mound of the Wiffle ball field he built in his family's backyard in Plymouth.

Michigan's Field of Dreams

Man builds Wiffle ball field in his backyard

By JARED PURCELL
The Grand Rapids Press

The sun sets over Zajdel Park, a Wiffle ball field built by Eddie Zajdel in Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH, Mich. — There is nothing quite like the experience of live baseball: the grass, the dirt, the sunshine, the chalk lines, overpriced beers and the right mix of action and leisure.

As hunger grows for the return of America's pastime, one Plymouth man has managed to capture some of baseball's magic in his backyard by creating a private Wiffle ball field that looks like a miniature professional ballpark.

Each time Eddie Zajdel steps onto the field nestled into his narrow backyard, he is transported back to when he attended a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park when he was 14 years old. Considering the grass on his field is from the same grass farm used to turf Comerica, it's difficult for Zajdel to escape the nostalgia.

"I get that feeling every single time I walk into my backyard," Zajdel said. "I don't really know how I'd describe it."

Now 22, the experience Zajdel had at Comerica Park eight years ago hit him hard. The detail and precision of the whole experience resonated with him, along with the social atmosphere. He wanted to capture as much of that as possible and share it with others.

After starting with a modest do-it-yourself mound in the backyard when he was 12 years old, Zajdel has since poured about $10,000 worth of work – including donated sod and dirt – into what is known as Zajdel Park.

He said much of the cost went into the field's foundation. The precisely manicured field is a laser-leveled playing surface with a professional-grade infield mix basepath, while the rest of the infield and outfield are covered by a specialty blend of Kentucky Bluegrass harvested from Schaafsma's Sod Farm in St. Anne, Ill.

The chalk foul lines reach out to a small fence line in right field located 65 feet from home plate, with left field stretching 60 feet away to a much taller netting fence in left. Trying to go yard to straight away center? That will be 70 feet.

Each base is 35 feet apart and the mound is 35 feet away from home plate. There are a few professional-grade LED lights with the ability to emit 500 lumens each, costing $500 to $600 a piece.

"This was my dream since I was 14 years old," he said. "Now, it's here. Now, you can actually see it and you can actually experience it. Now, it actually exists."

On the luxurious end of things, Zajdel built a walk-up bar along the third baseline patio to satisfy any adult beverage needs. The bar includes TV screens, lighting and stools. There's even an outdoor hot tub and fireplace that overlooks the field.

"It's always been a dream of mine to get this thing to the point where it is now," Zaidel said. "Just these last three or four months, we've really, really spiced this thing up."

Naturally, Zajdel is used to hearing comparisons between his efforts and the movie "Field of Dreams," the 1989 baseball movie starring Kevin Costner. In the movie, Costner builds a baseball field in his farm's cornfield under mysterious circumstances.

"I probably get a comment like once a week that we should plant corn," Zajdel said. "Like past the right field fence so you could hit the ball into the corn and all that. I'm a huge fan of that movie."

"Field of Dreams" is most known for the famous line, "If you build it, they will come." It is a line that resonates with Zajdel. However, no one can visit the field he built. Because of Michigan's stay-at-home order, the field has not received the grand opening Zajdel hoped.

Part of the reason why Zajdel set out to make his Wiffle ball field was to share it with others. As a filmmaker with three short films available on Amazon Prime, Zajdel loves sharing his creations. With his field, he hopes those who come will experience the same feelings he had years ago at Comerica Park.

"I want to share this," Zajdel said. "It means nothing unless other people get to experience this."

Considering he began his project at 12, his field sits in the backyard of his family home owned by his parents. Throughout the long development process, Zajdel's parents, Ed and Julie Zajdel, have remained supportive.

"I'm proud of him," Ed Zajdel said. "Anyone who has that passion and can keep it up all those years, the dedication it takes is crazy. I don't think I can do it. Anyone who can keep that up for that long of time with everything going on in your life, to have enough passion to still get out there and cut the grass – yeah, I'm proud of him."

According to Ed Zajdel, his son has never been afraid to dive deep into the details. After coming home from a carnival one year, Ed Zajdel could recall watching his 8-year-old son try to rebuild as much of the carnival as possible at home.

"He just liked the production part of it," Ed Zajdel said. "He would take different material, just whatever was lying around the house, and he would make rides. In sixth or seventh grade, he made a haunted house and had other kids come over."

Eddie Zajdel's love for Wiffle ball coincided with his love for playing baseball. Starting at 10, he played Little League, travel ball and prep baseball at Canton High School. When he approached his parents about making a Wiffle ball field in the backyard, they encouraged him like they would with any other project.

Although they knew he was passionate about baseball and Wiffle ball, they never predicted the lengths he was willing to go to for his backyard project.

Eddie Zajdel began networking with professionals and experts in the baseball groundskeeping industry. He spoke with the Tigers' head groundskeeper, Heather Nabozny, and met her at Comerica Park. He talked to companies about getting the proper dirt or clay for the infield.

"He did that all on his own," Ed Zajdel said. "All these people he's talked to, I couldn't believe it. It kind of just kept morphing into more. He sees something he wants and he likes, he just keeps pursuing it."

The more people and companies Eddie Zajdel got in contact with, the more help he got in pursing his dream. His first delivery of grass from Schaafsma's Sod Farm was donated. It was the same for the professional-grade infield turf.

Throughout the process, the young entrepreneur-architect-landscaper never tried to get out of his lawn-care responsibilities, voluntarily cutting the grass and grooming the field daily. In the spring, new sod is installed and the process repeats.

Eddie Zajdel was probably the only teenager who enjoyed mowing the lawn.

"He's kept mowing it for 10 years," Ed Zajdel said. "He has to mow it every day."

Eddie Zajdel recognizes how much his parents have helped the project financially.

"When I was younger, I didn't have a stable job, so they pretty much (helped pay for) the fence, the dirt and all that," Eddie Zajdel said. "They helped. Now, if I have an idea and it's a large budget, I'll pitch it to my parents. It's their house and I don't want to live here forever."

So, what happens when Eddie Zajdel eventually moves out?

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PET OF THE WEEK

May is a sweet, calm, dark tiger cat whose joy in life is being petted and loved. She gets along with other cats. May is 1 year old, spayed and current on shots. For more information, or to adopt her, call Becky at 926-4279.

VOLUNTEERS

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients during the COVID-19 crisis. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

PACE is looking for candidates who are interested in home care, and has permanent openings for this position if someone is interested in staying with PACE.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Face masks for front-line workers

In partnership with the Emergency Operations Center, United Way of Southwest Michigan is collecting homemade face masks to distribute to front-line workers and volunteers at area agencies and organizations.

Agencies such as homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, and many others are still working with their clients every day. They need masks to help protect their staffs, volunteers and clients.

To find donation locations and times, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help ease worry

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan is working with area seniors to fill many needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals on Wheels is seeking donation of hygiene items that can be included in deliveries to seniors. Those items include full-size shampoo, full-size toothpaste, toothbrush, and notes of encouragement and cheer.

For more information, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Turn compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Make a difference for a child

A court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer advocates in the community and courtroom for the best interests of foster children in Berrien County.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CASA volunteers are needed more than ever so kids don't feel alone, and so they know they have a consistent, caring adult in the system looking out for them.

All work during the pandemic is being conducted remotely and safely, including training. Volunteers must be at least 21 and pass a background check.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Use your skills to help

Caring Circle is seeking a detail-oriented volunteer who can attend inter-disciplinary team meetings with Hospice staff and type real-time notes on the group's discussions directly into electronic medical record software.

Good keyboarding skills are essential as well as the ability to succinctly summarize discussion notes in real time. This opportunity would be great for a student interested in gaining experience in the medical office field, or for someone retired from a similar field.

Training and orientation will be provided on specific procedures, and a brief test will be required before training begins.

Transcription is needed in St. Joseph, Hanson Hospice Center, Buchanan and South Haven Caring Circle offices.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Find some joy in these trying times

Pat Arter
Generations

Gardening has always brought me joy. This year, however, has been an amplified blessing.

The last couple years, we just did basics – a couple favorite peppers, and two tomato plants. We had been spending many weekends camping, so there just wasn't as much time to tend to a garden.

When we realized we weren't going to be able to take advantage of all of our camping reservations this summer, we decided to up our gardening game.

The first thing we did was purchase a couple of raised garden beds. We had to stain them and put them together, but they will definitely spare us a little pain in bending over to weed.

It was finally nice enough a couple weeks ago to get our hands dirty.

We have composted a bit over the years. We bought a few bags of garden soil and added that rich compost to it. I understand that not everyone feels this way, but to me, smelling that rich soil is one of the best feelings on earth.

I never use gardening gloves anymore, because I would always take them off in two minutes so I could get my hands in the dirt. It's so satisfying. Even the sight of worms makes me smile – they're a sign of healthy soil.

Then we ventured out to a favorite garden center to pick out plants. It was only a little odd with everyone wearing masks, but I was glad to see that. (By the way, you can still tell when people are smiling, behind their masks, so keep smiling.)

We got to wander around and explore new things, as well as to pick out our tried and true favorites. What a wonderful place to be. Even after we filled up a flat of veggies, we still walked through most of the greenhouse to experience the beautiful sights, feels and smells around us.

My grandkids got me a braided hibiscus for Mother's Day. I am not a fancy gardener, so this one scared me a bit. I did replant it, though, and so far, so good. It has constant beautiful red blooms.

Over the summer, and into the fall, we will enjoy the fruits – and veggies – of our labor. Several varieties of peppers and tomatoes, three kinds of lettuce, peas and beans, as well as chives, cilantro, basil and garlic.

After we got all of the vegetables planted, we added a few annual flowers to bring more color to the front.

For those of you who relate to my love of gardening, look at your fingernails right now. Though freshly showered, and we're all washing our hands a lot, there's still a bit of good dirt under my nails.

I was on a virtual conference call this week with several colleagues. As one was adjusting her camera, I noticed that little bit of dirt under her nails. I already knew we shared this love of dirt, but seeing it in this moment was so fun. It made this odd time we're in feel a little lighter.

Even apart, we can share our joys. Your joy might not be in gardening, but find some joy in this time. Sit in your front yard and wave at neighbors. Wave at every car that goes by.

A neighbor put a note and a candle with flowers attached on our front porch this weekend. We had only been away for a couple minutes and she snuck it in. Those little things spread amazing joy.

I hope you enjoyed my gardening journey. But even more, I hope you are enjoying your own journey right now. We owe it to ourselves to seek out the good stuff.

If you can't find it, be the one to deliver it. I bet you find joy returned to you. Every day, find something that makes you smile.

The other day, I found two tiny flowers on a tomato plant. It was a good day.

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Contending for our faith

Ron Rayon
Insights

Faith in God is my most valuable possession.

I'm not speaking of natural faith. Natural faith is the "whomever you want to believe in" type of faith. It's the "anything you want to believe" kind of faith.

The kind of faith I'm speaking of is what Jesus spoke about in the Gospels. He called people to a special kind of faith. A faith based upon what God the Father is saying to mankind and to each of us individually. I will call it "the God kind of faith" for this discussion.

The God kind of faith comes from God to us. It comes from his heart and mind to our hearts by his voice. We hear his faith-filled words in our spirits by our spiritual ears, not our natural ears. His Spirit speaks words that agree with the Holy Scriptures.

Natural faith comes by natural hearing – usually on some news channel or through some well-meaning person filled with deception, fear and intimidation.

Natural faith is fear- and death-giving, not life-giving. God's faith is life- and joy-giving. It requires a contending in our hearts and minds to reject natural faith and enter into agreement with God's word.

Jesus calls us to life-giving faith in God. Jesus said this about his word in John: "I speak what I hear the Father saying; I do what I see the Father doing." He looked to the Father to know what to say and do.

In Luke 9:35, God speaks from heaven, "This is my beloved son, hear him."

The God kind of faith comes by hearing the word of God. It's alive within us by believing what God has said concerning us and what God is saying concerning every detail of our life. We know his voice by the Holy Spirit.

There is a difference between believing someone or something and believing God. Jesus said it this way in John 6:33, "My words are spirit and life."

He says in John 8:31-32, "If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Proverbs 4:20-23 gives this instruction: "My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

I believe faith in God is our most valuable possession. Let us contend for the faith we have heard of, the saving power of God to deliver us when we cry out for deliverance in humility and repentance – especially during the current worldwide pandemic.

Praying as Jesus taught us: "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

Let us tune out the world's words of deception, fear and intimidation, contend for the voice of God, and enjoy the freedom of the God kind of faith.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Ron Rayon, pastor of Grace Christian Center in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Knuth honored at scholarship celebration

PELLA, Iowa — Alyssa Knuth of St. Joseph was one of more than 700 students at Iowa's Central College who would have been honored at the college's annual Scholarship Celebration on April 23, but the event was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The celebration gives student scholarship recipients the opportunity to thank and share dinner with donors who help make their education possible.

Knuth received the Griswell Family Scholarship, the Orville & Ermina Dykstra Scholarship and the Journey Scholarship.

For more info about Central College, visit www.central.edu.

K & M awards scholarships

CASSOPOLIS — K & M Machine-Fabricating has announced its Earl G. Marhanka Scholarship winners for the fall.

The scholarship program was established in 2001 in recognition of K & M's 50th anniversary and in honor of the entrepreneurial spirit of its founder, Marhanka.

To date, more than $235,000 has been awarded to more than 55 children of employees.

This year's scholarship winners will receive $2,000. They are:

■ Cliff Holmes, a graduate of Decatur High School who will be attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College, where he plans to major in automotive diesel. He is the son of David Holmes.

■ Caitlin Stanner, a graduate of Brandywine High School who will be attending Lake Michigan College, where she plans to focus on photography. She is the daughter of Rick Antisdel.

■ Anna Stevens, a graduate of Decatur High School who will be attending Southwestern Michigan College, where she plans to major in heath services. She hopes to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. She is the daughter of Pam and Tom Stevens.

In addition, six scholarship winners from previous years are eligible to renew their $2,000 scholarships. They are:

■ Maggie Baert (Butler University, by way of Penn High School) – daughter of Patrick Baert

■ Zoe Laubach (Bethel College, by way of Edwardsburg High School) – daughter of William Green

■ Caroline McLoughlin (Loyola University Chicago, by way of Lake Michigan Catholic) – daughter of Derek McLoughlin

■ Jackson McLoughlin (Marquette University, by way of Lake Michigan Catholic High School) – son of Derek McLoughlin

■ Skyler McKee (Olivet College by way of Cassopolis High School) – son of Edward McKee

■ Haily Shibinski (Southwestern Michigan College, by way of Brandywine High School) – daughter of Dave Shibinski.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, plans to resume in-person worship services at 9 a.m. June 21. Until then, services can be found online at www.stjohnsbaroda.com.

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, is currently livestreaming services on its YouTube page due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has canceled all upcoming in-person services and activities. The church will continue to hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. For more information, visit www.the-oldruggedcross.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page. This week, pastor Adam Bohland will continue the series, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope." He will speak on "Fear of the Other."

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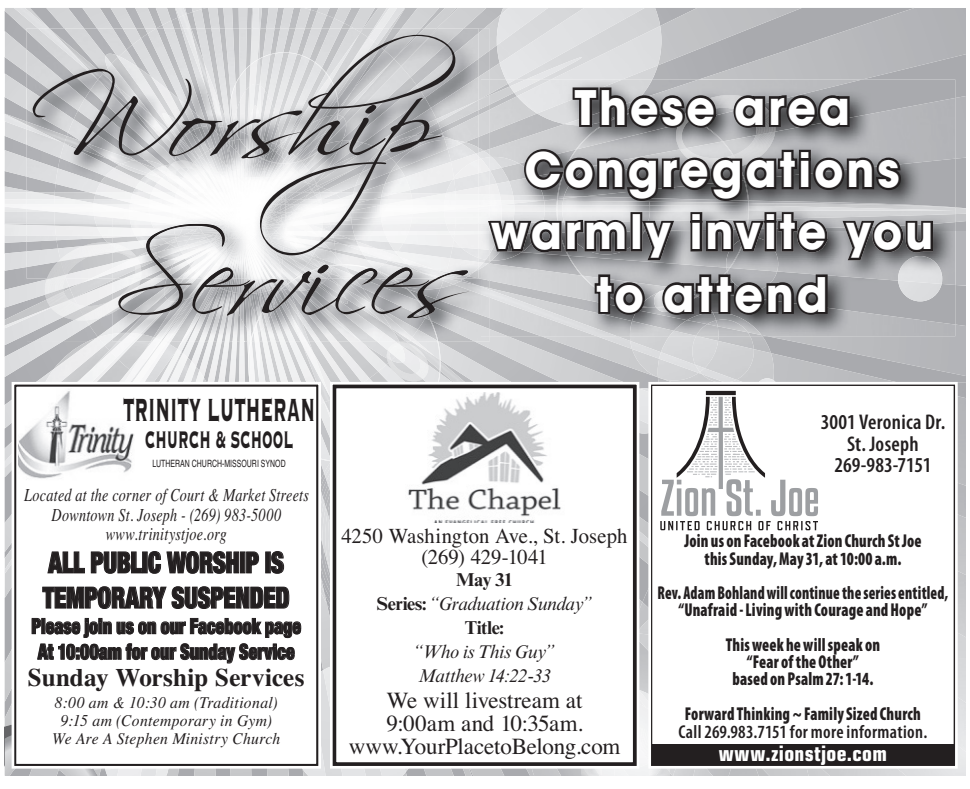
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FRIDA

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Even though the exhibition is on hold, the art center plans to keep the legacy of Kahlo alive in other ways this summer.

"We will continue to bring the spirit and inspiration of Frida Kahlo and her garden to South Haven through a garden and poster exhibition in the downtown as well as outside of the art center, through online events and exhibitions," Hagy said.

One of the events associated with Frida Kahlo's Garden opened last week on the art center's website. The online juried virtual exhibition, "Beyond, Behind, Beneath Narrative Self Portraiture," features work from artists throughout the country. In putting together the online event, the art center invited artists from across the nation to create self-portraits inspired from the Frida Kahlo's Garden exhibit. The exhibit will continue to be displayed online through July 18.

The art center will host an online Zoom event at 5 p.m. Thursday featuring artist Paola Gracida of St. Joseph discussing the life of Frida Kahlo.

The art center's website also features an online narrative, written by art center board member Carol Trittschuh, who recently visited Frida Kahlo's home in Mexico City.

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The right field corner at Zajdel Park is 65 feet from home plate.

FIELD

From page D2

According to his father, the field is not going anywhere. It will always be available for him to care for and renew.

"I'm kind of used to it after 10 years," Ed Zajdel said rather nonchalantly. "In the spring, when all the grass in the front yard is still yellow, his field is perfect."

Ed Zajdel says the field will always belong to his son, no matter what.

"When someone has a passion for something, I let them do it," he said. "I'm not going to stand in his way, wherever he takes it to."

With the Wiffle ball field being located behind the family's garage in a narrow but long backyard, Eddie Zajdel doesn't currently have intentions of making it open to the public. However, he does want to create an organized Wiffle ball league.

"I'm going to finish this up," Eddie Zajdel said. "This is going to be something. I'm not going to just let this thing die in my backyard without actually achieving what I wanted to."

Before the coronavirus arrived, he was planning on having a league with up to eight teams this summer, with each one expected to have its own set of uniforms. And that is only the beginning.

"We were actually going to start filming and broadcasting games live online," Eddie Zajdel said. "That was the next step."

He said he was even planning to film a parody of this year's MLB home run derby, creating a comedic recap of the derby at the Wiffle ball field. Thanks in part to having nearly 25,000 followers on Instagram, Eddie Zajdel said he has been contacted by 80-90 people who have shown interest in being a part of his league.

"This is an ongoing thing, so it's hard to actually draw the finish line," Eddie Zajdel said. "Each time I walk out, I go, 'Oh, I can make this much better or this that much better.'"

With bright lights, he has done his best to keep the peace with his neighbors. When he first turned them on, one of the lights was angled into a neighboring house, causing the owner to come out with crossed arms and a stern look on their face.

"Are you kidding me?" they asked before turning back inside.

Eddie Zajdel made the necessary adjustments in hopes to keep the field enjoyable for everyone, including the neighbors.

"I think they think we're just a little bit crazy when we do some of this stuff," he said. "But, hey, this is my dream. I'm going to find a way to make this happen."

As the masses arise from this long-enforced hibernation, Eddie Zajdel will be ready to show off his pride and joy to anyone who wants to take part in his Wiffle ball dream.

"In life," he said, "it's always possible to make something happen."

NEWMAN

From page D2

market. Ten out of 10, would recommend.

On June 13, get back out to that garden for National Weed Your Garden Day.

June 15 might be a good day to celebrate nature with a hike or a walk. It's National Nature Photography Day. The day was created by the North American Nature Photography Association in 2009 as a day to promote the enjoyment of nature photography.

Even if you don't have a fancy camera, your phone camera should do just fine for shooting photos of flowers or bugs. Maybe slap a filter on a caterpillar and impress your Instagram followers.

Another day to get out into nature would be National Hike With a Geek Day on June 20.

The day was created as a reminder for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) professionals, along with other geeks, to step away from their computers and labs for a break, and spend some time outdoors.

One of the national days on June 21 caught my eye. It's National Day of the Gong.

The holiday was created to celebrate the musical instrument's unique history and capacities among instruments of sound, music, creativity and healing.

I'm not saying you should go out and buy a gong, but maybe ponder the instances of gongs you've noticed in your daily life, or in pop culture. For example, a lot of yoga and meditation classes use gongs.

The last Thursday of each June is National Handshake Day. While most of us probably won't be participating in this day this year, it might be a good day to brainstorm some new, no-contact, ways of greeting others.

Whether you're still working from home or you're back in your workplace by June 26, your dog is going to love this holiday. It's National Take Your Dog to Work Day. Show that good boy or girl off on your video meeting or take them on an adventure to see some fresh faces at the office.

If you've been reading this column and asking yourself, "Can I celebrate any of these holidays with cake?" The answer is, absolutely, they should all be celebrated with cake.

But June 27 is the perfect day to celebrate with cake because it's not only National Ice Cream Cake Day, it's also home to National Onion Day, National HIV Testing Day, National Sunglasses Day, National Orange Blossom Day and National PTSD Awareness Day.

That's many holidays, and a cake-based one, all in one day!

Finish out your month by taking a break from social media and looking at the sky.

It's National Meteor Watch Day and National Social Media Day on June 30.

While taking a break from social media is not the intended use for the day, let's be honest with ourselves, we need some sort of excuse to take a break or we won't because most of us are addicted.

Tweet me a picture of you celebrating one of these days @HPANewman.

If you have a holiday you're passionate about in July that you'd like me write about, let me know at anewman@TheHP.com.

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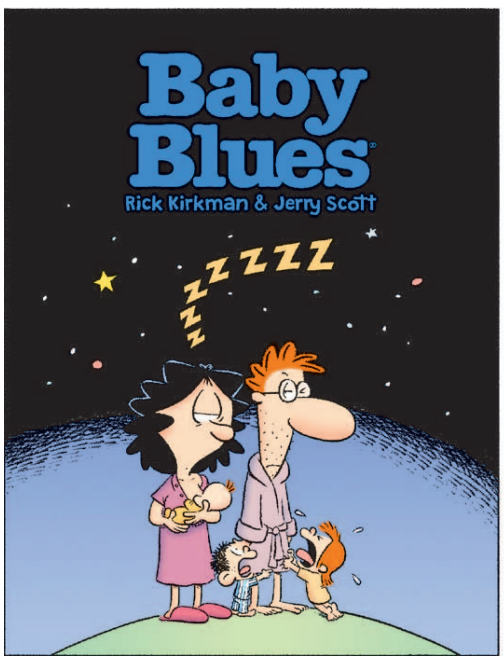

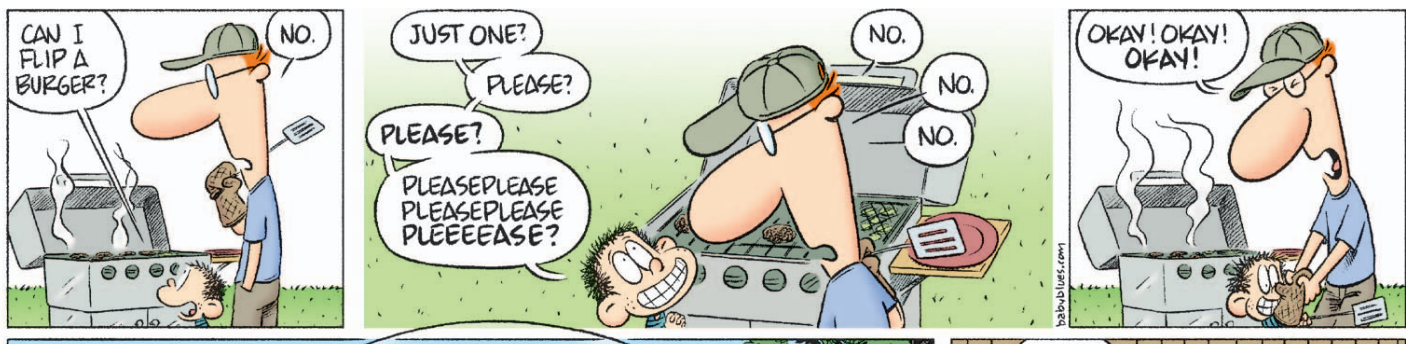

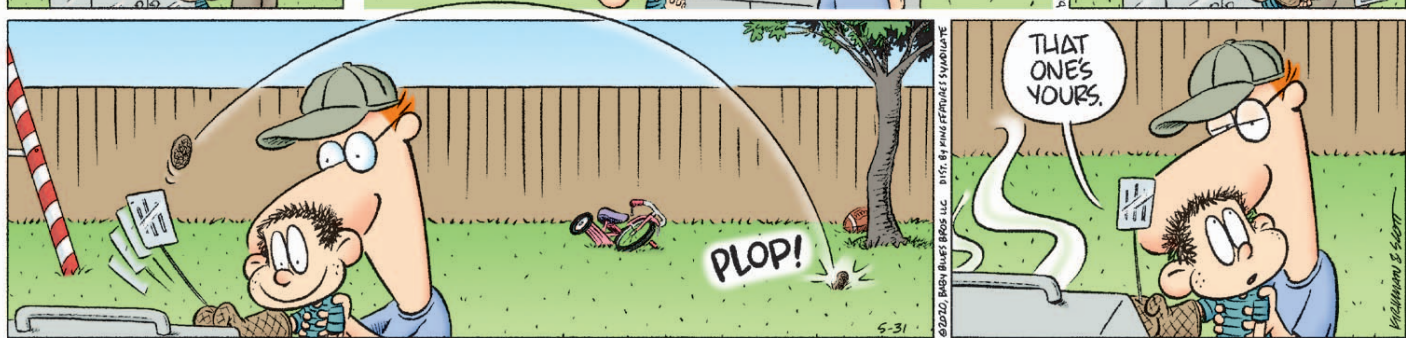

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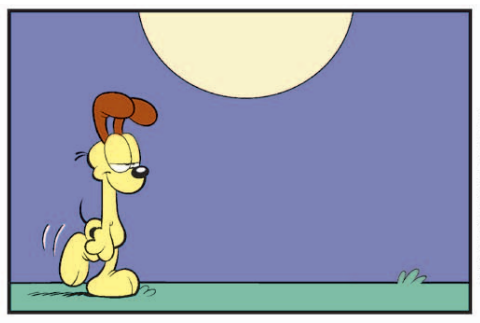

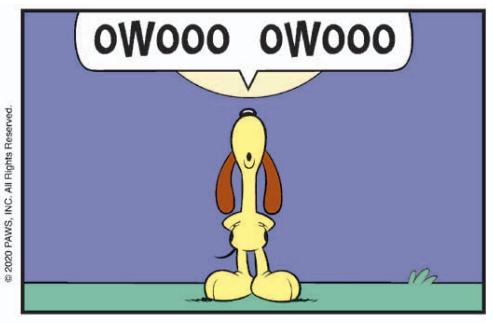

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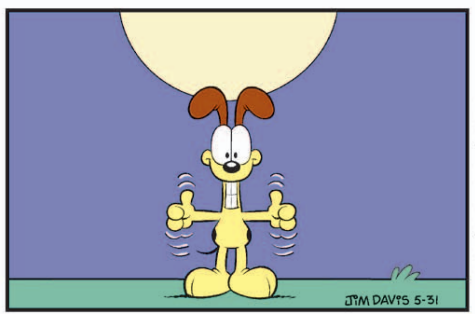

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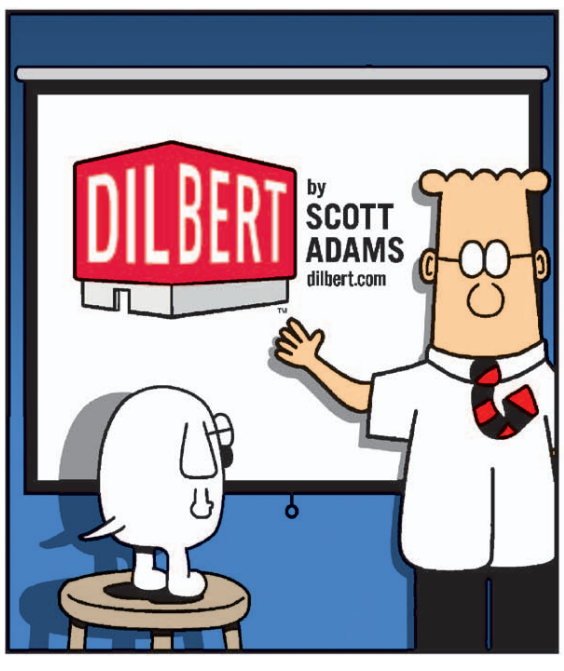

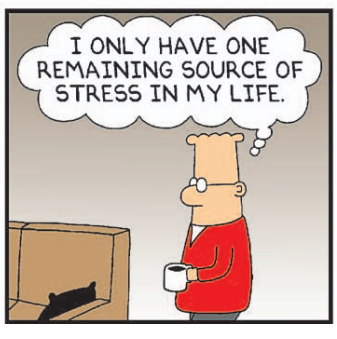

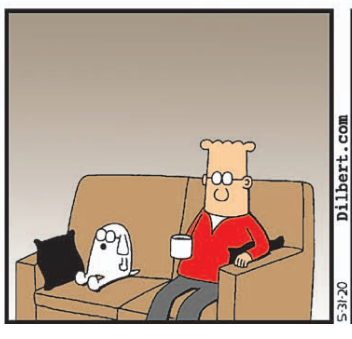

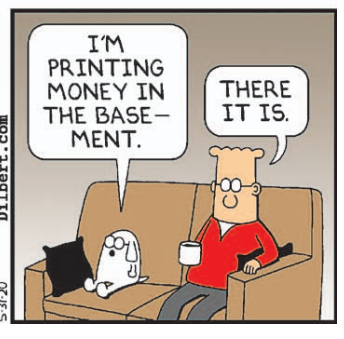

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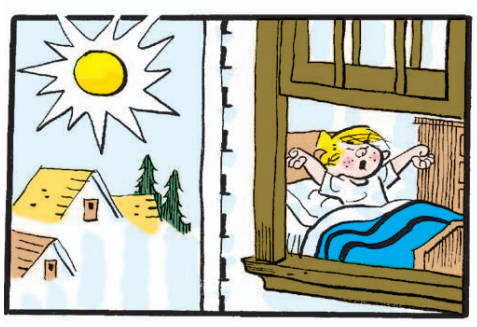

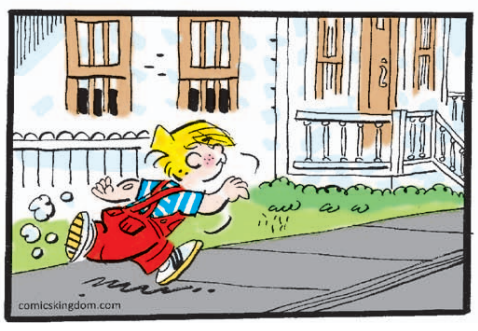

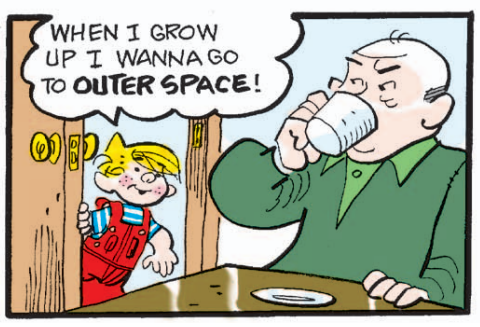

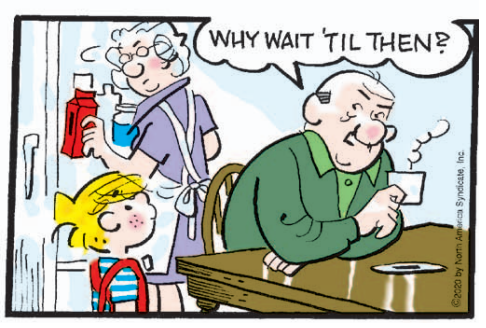

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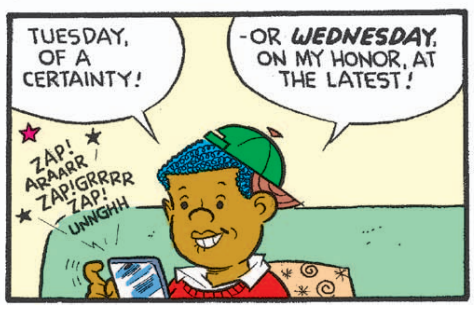

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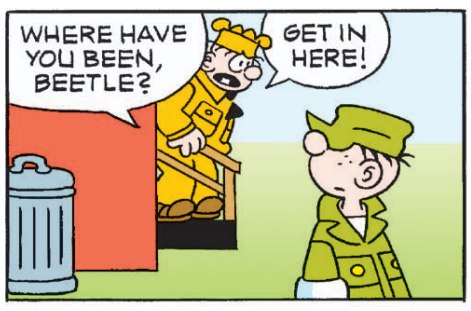

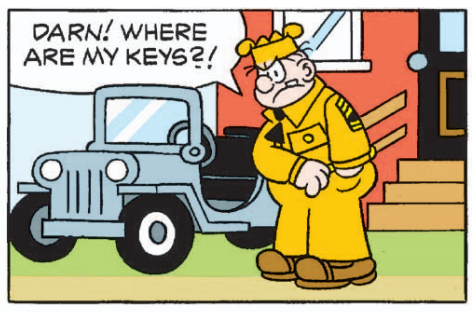

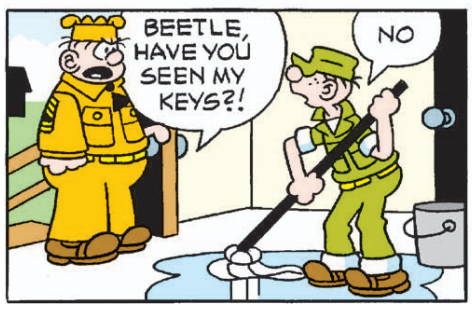

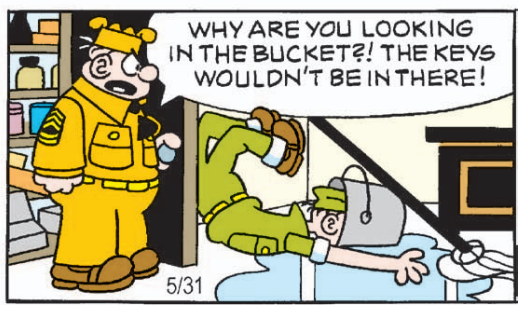

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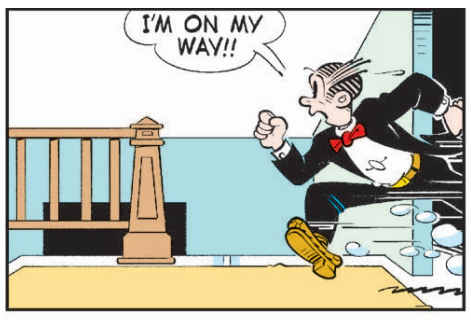

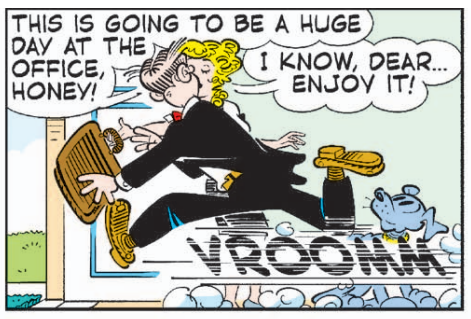

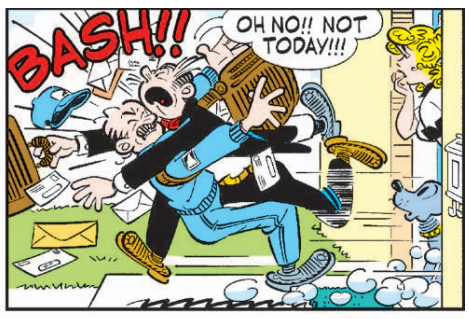

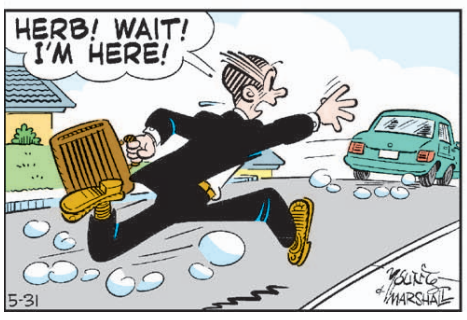

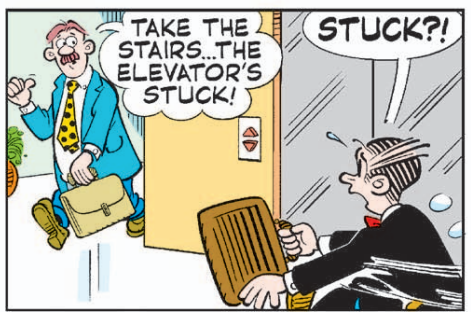

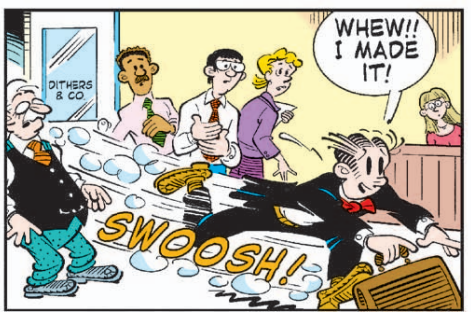

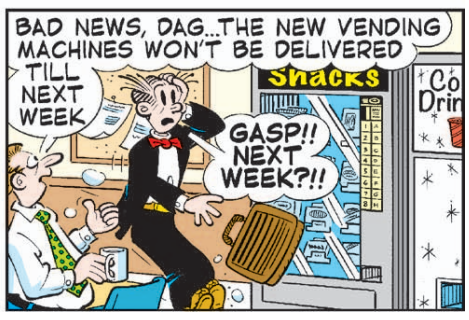

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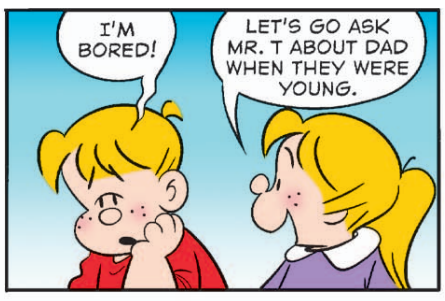

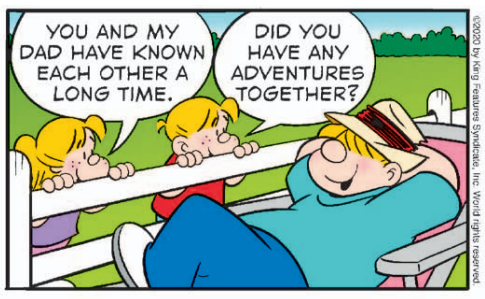

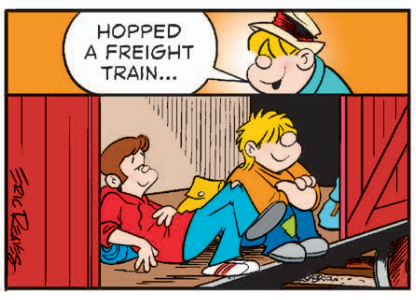

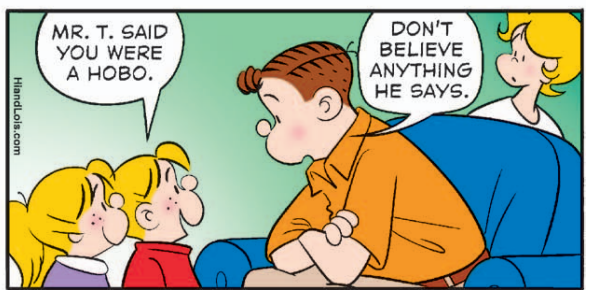

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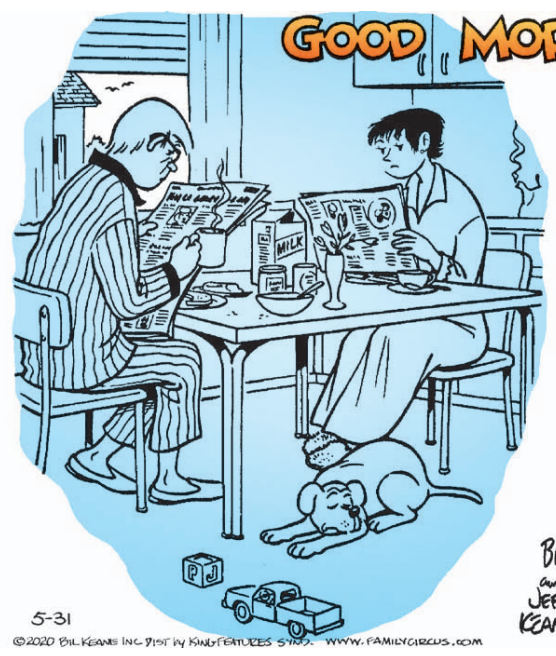

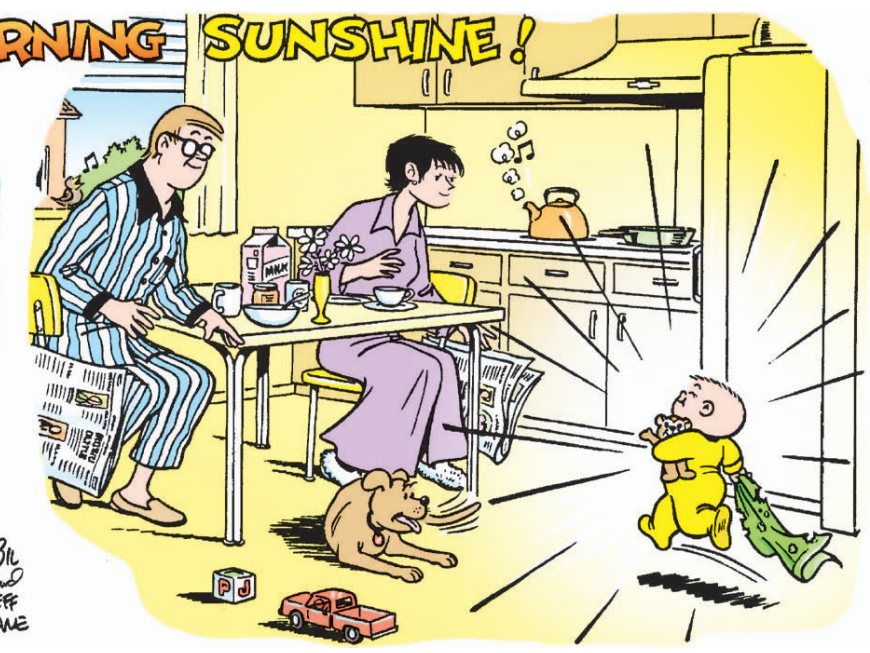

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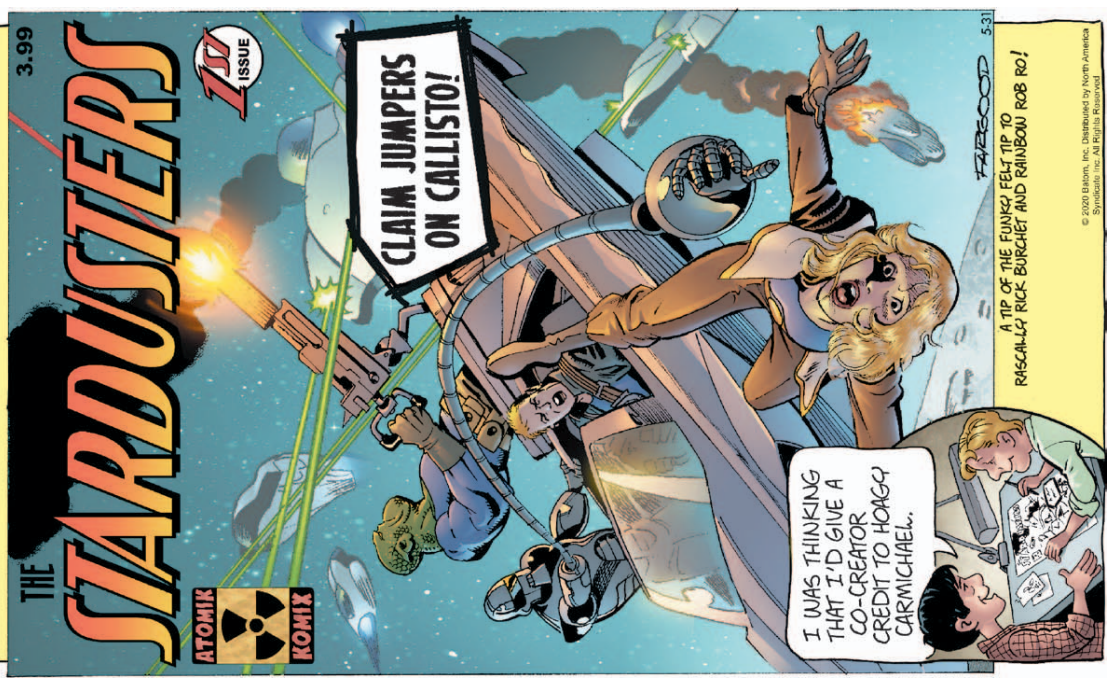
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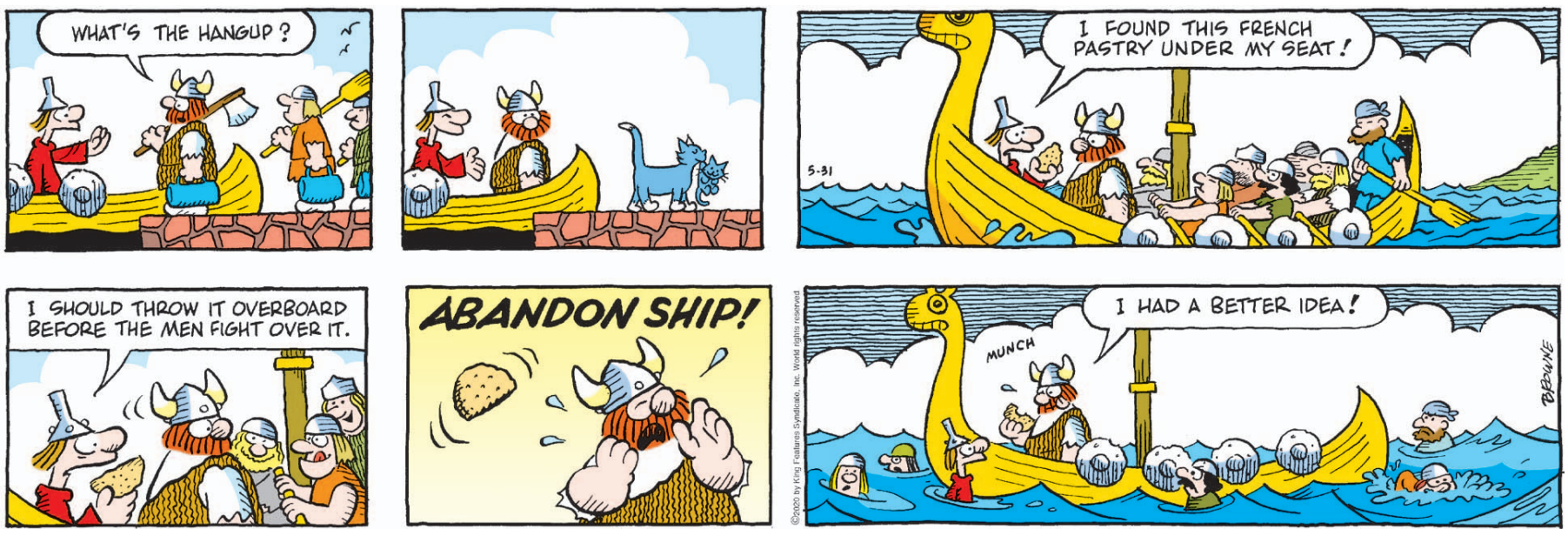
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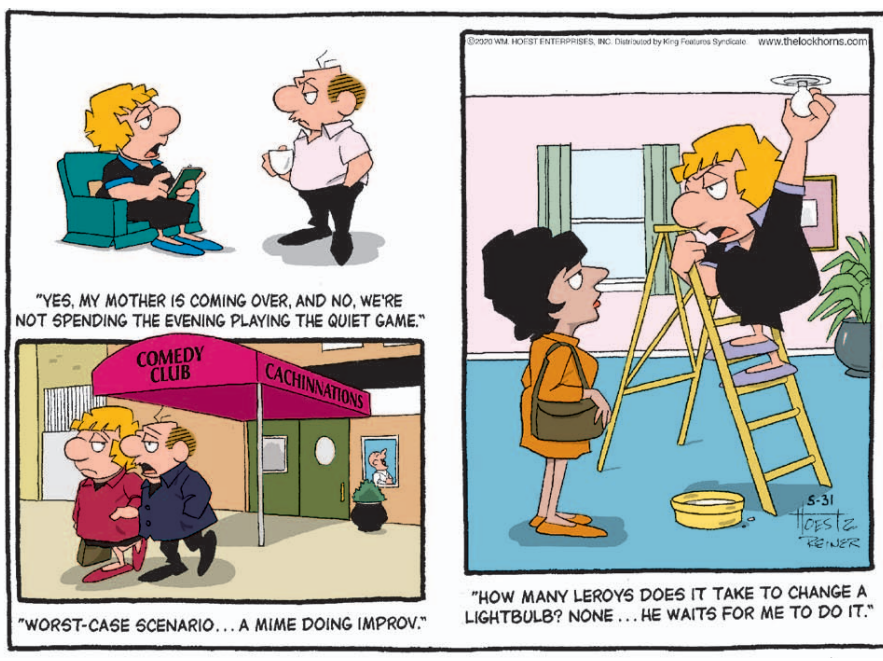
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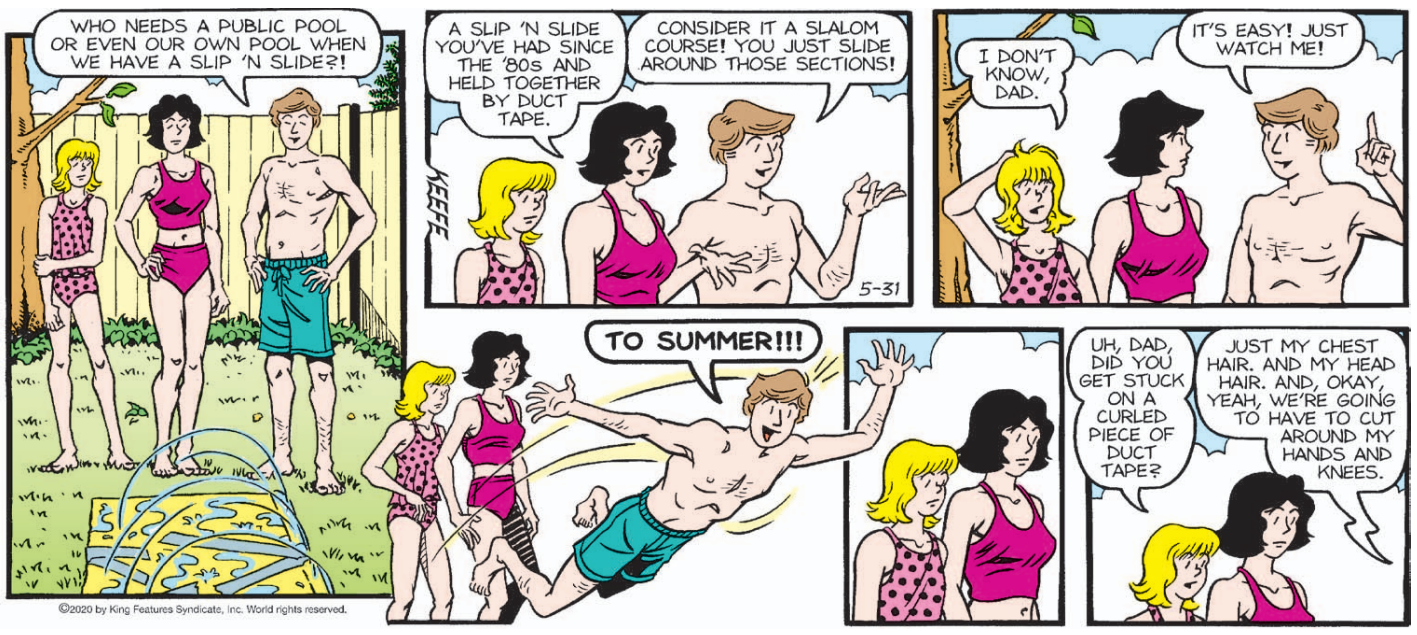
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IT'S EASY! JUST WATCH ME!
TO SUMMER!!!
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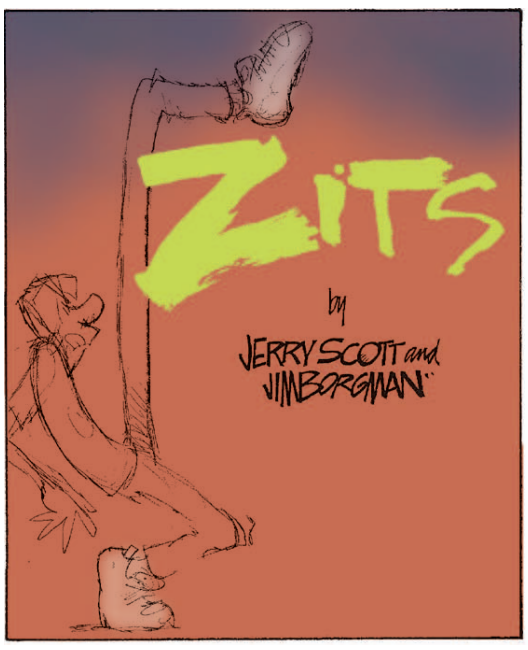

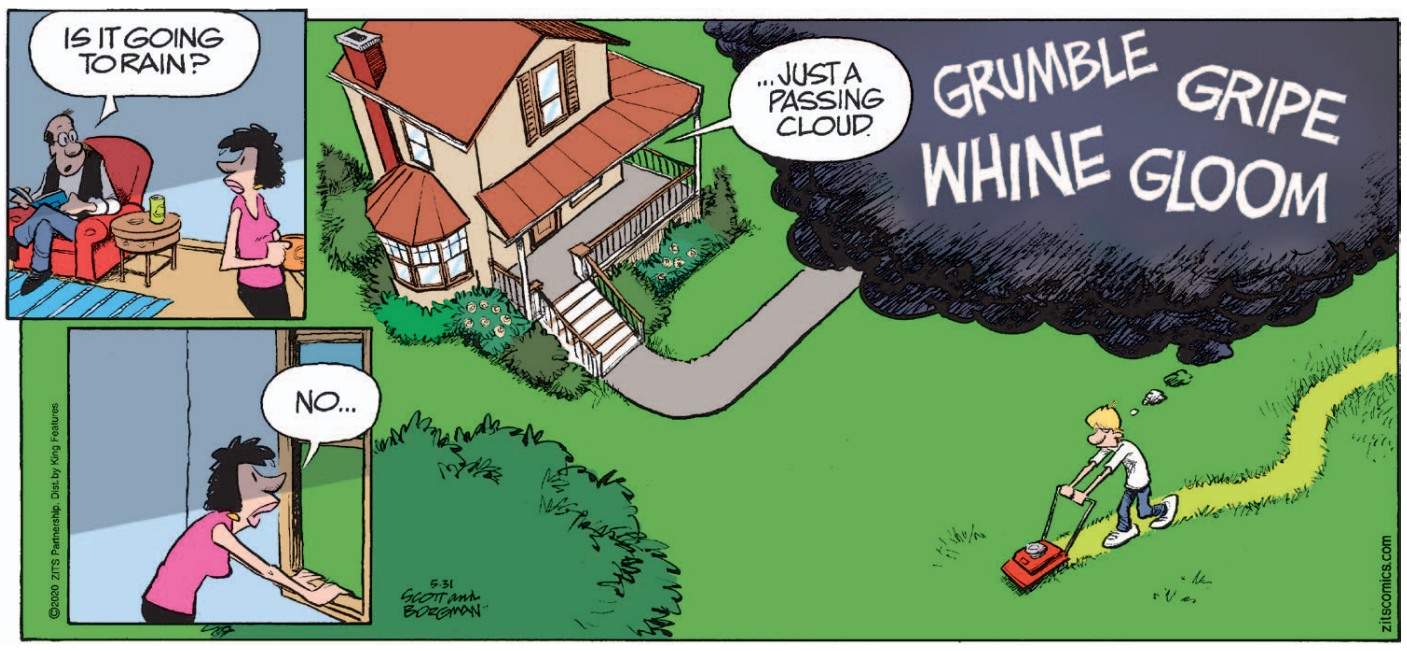

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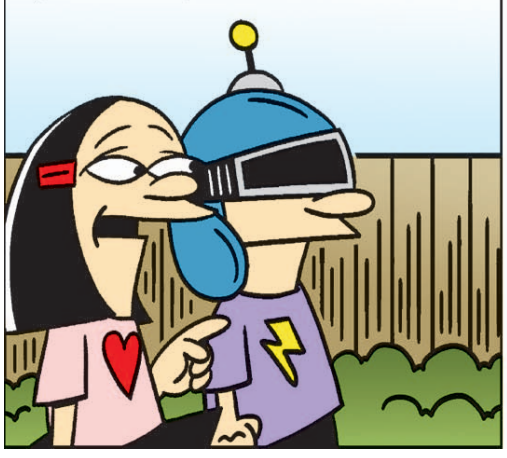

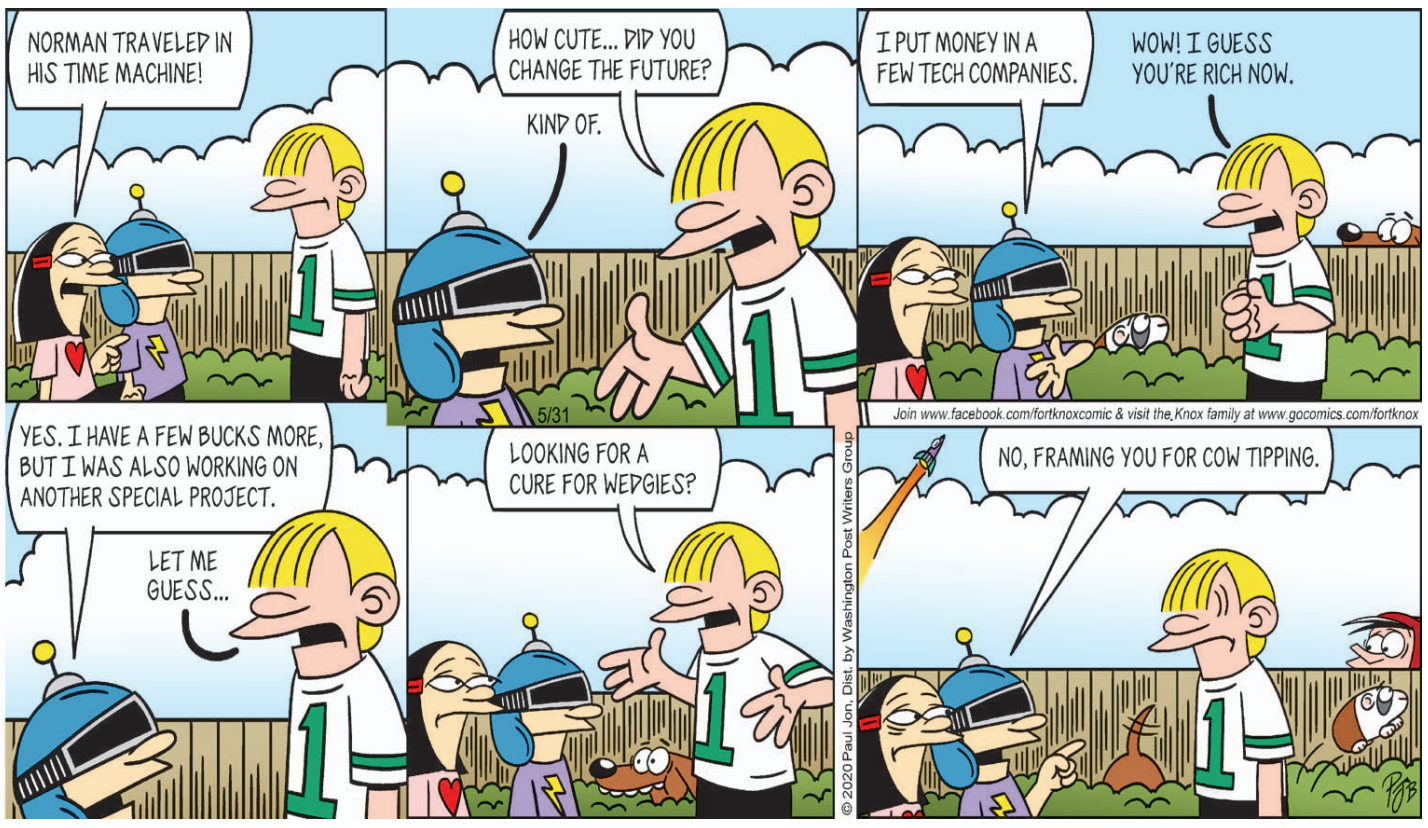
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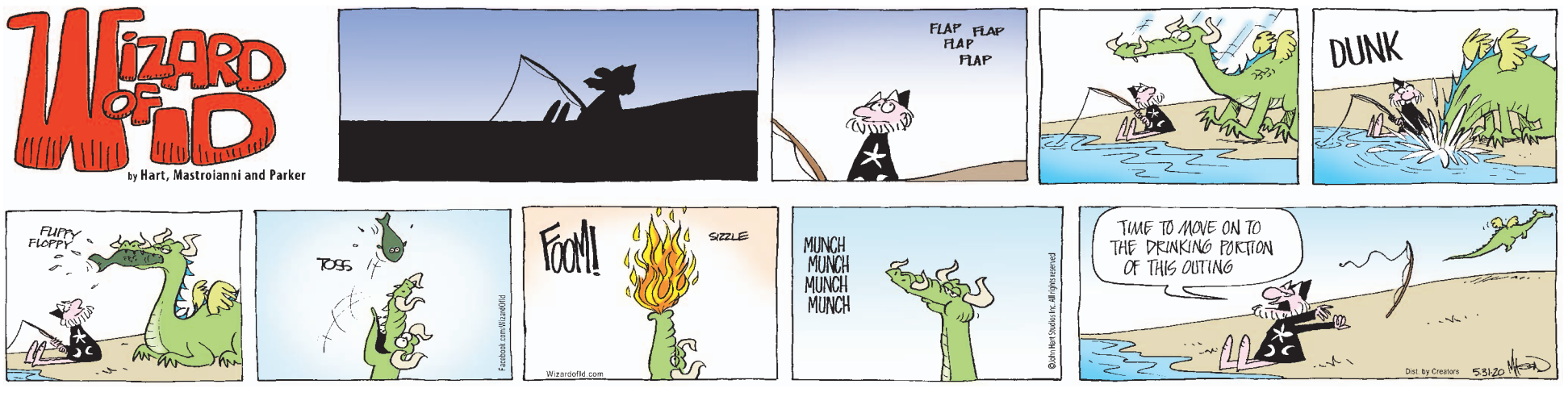

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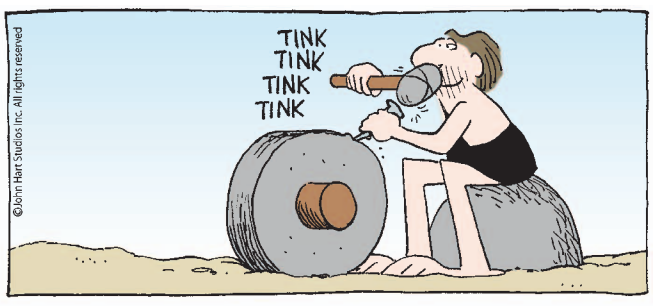

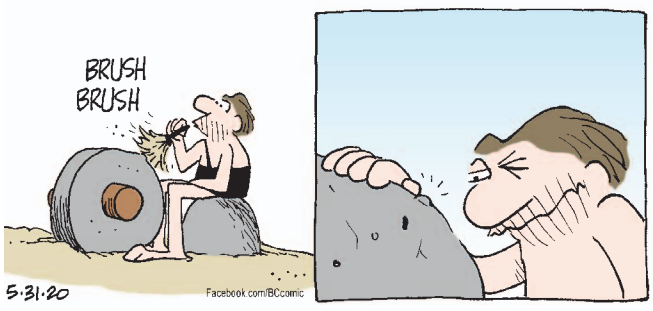

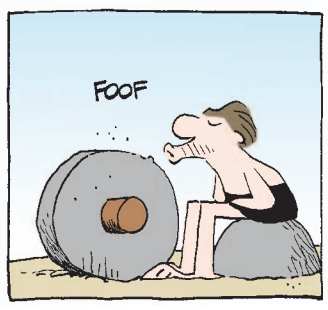

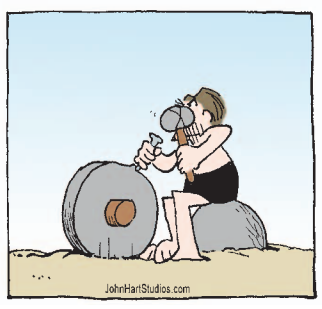

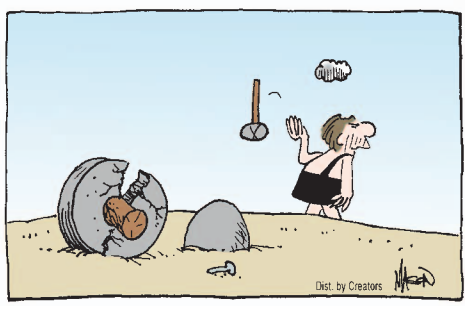

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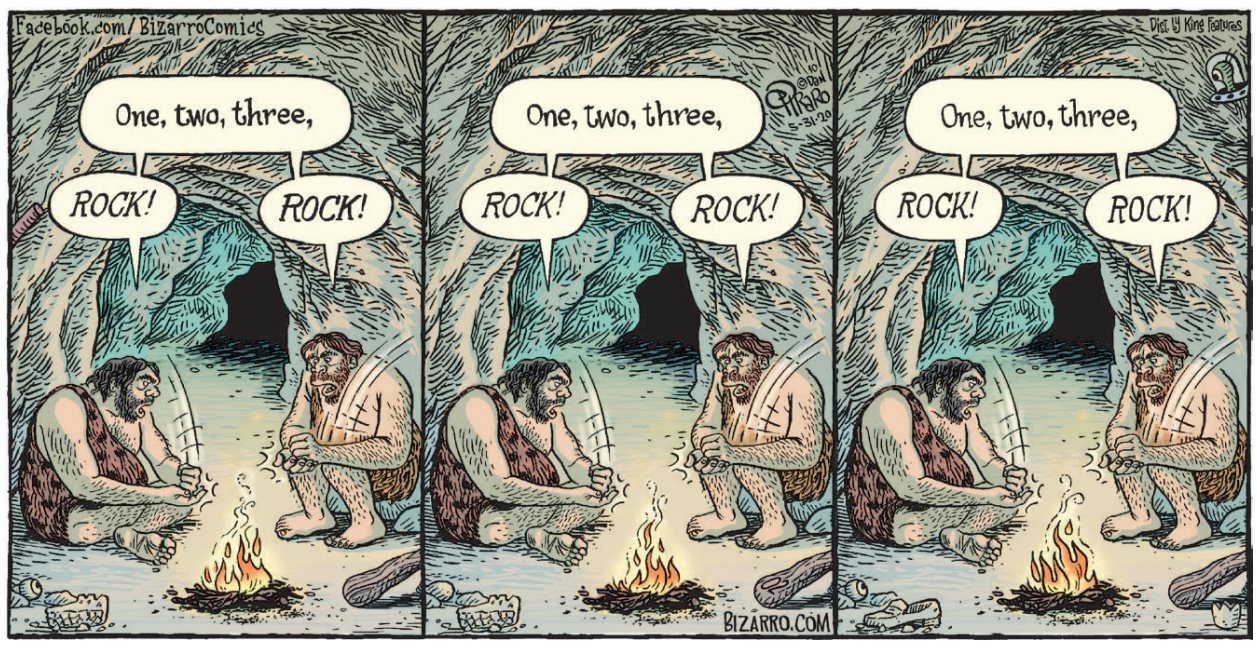

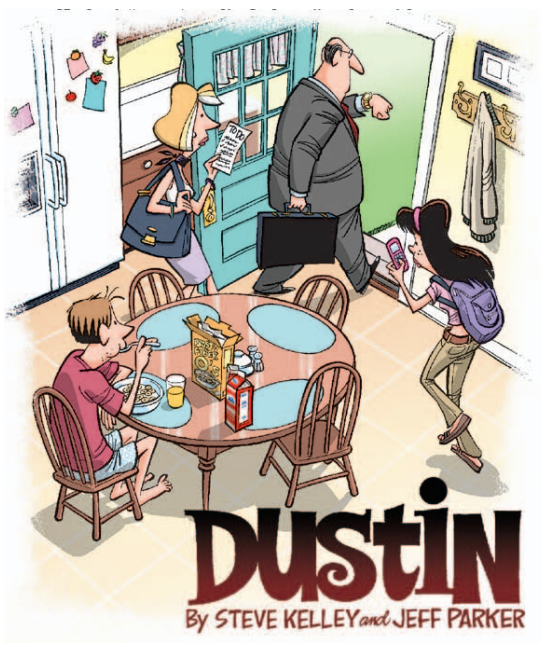

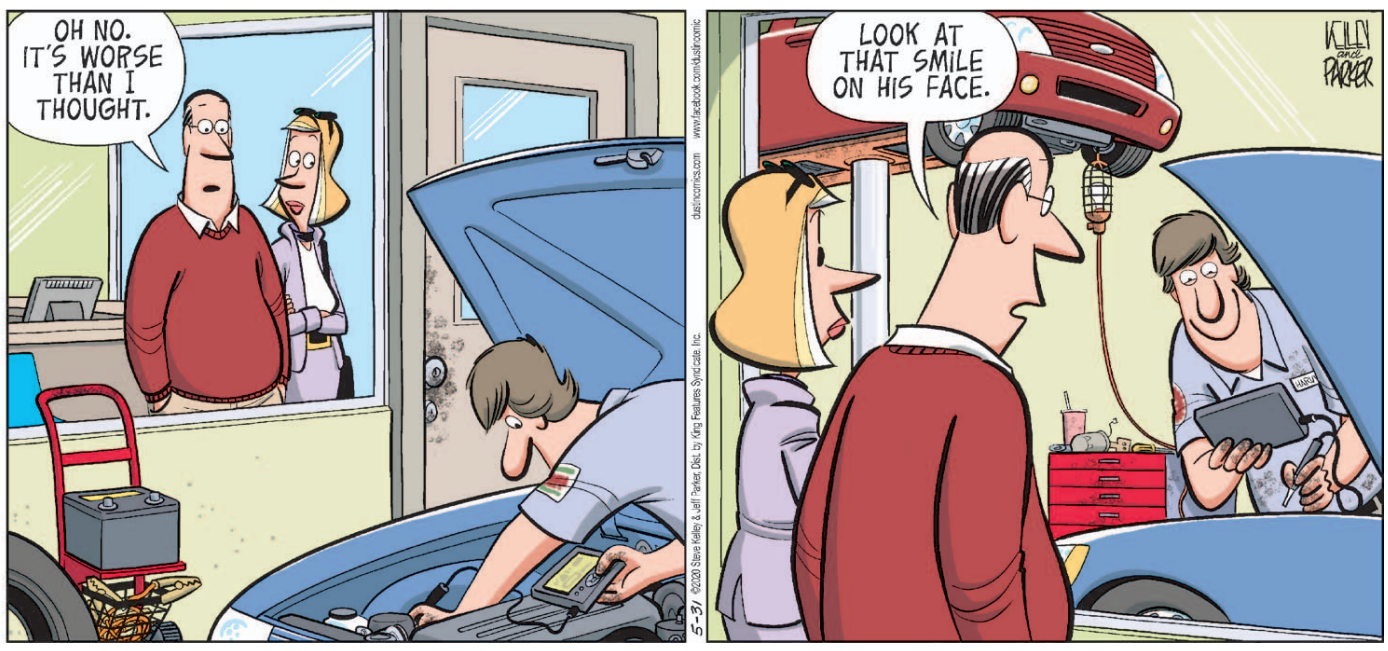
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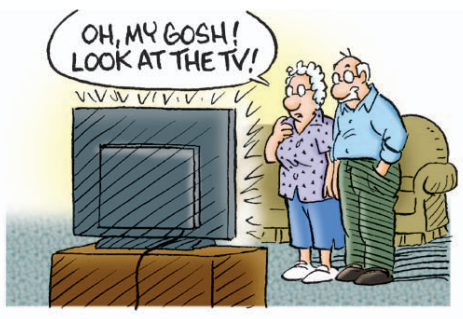

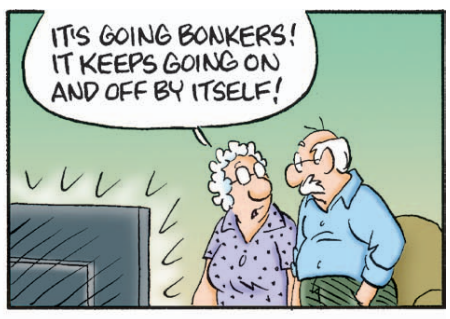

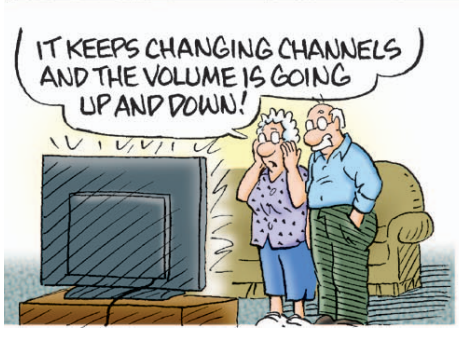

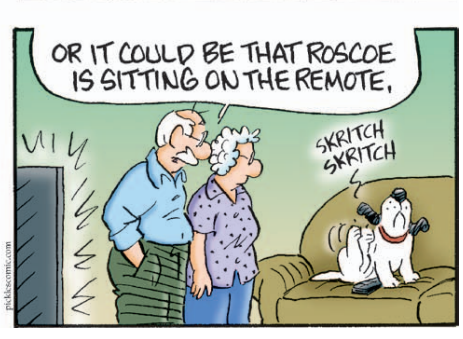

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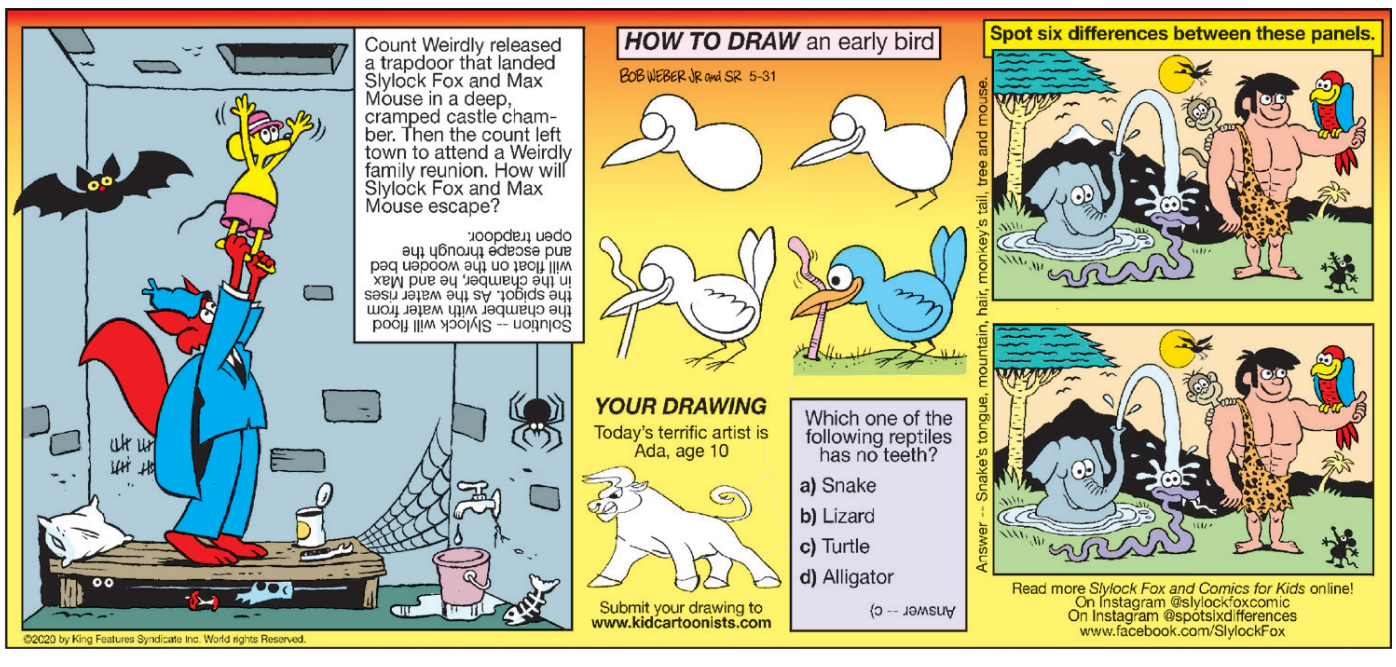
Count Weirdly released a trapdoor that landed Slylock Fox and Max Mouse in a deep, cramped castle chamber. Then the count left town to attend a Weirdly family reunion. How will Slylock Fox and Max Mouse escape?
Solution -- Slylock will flood the chamber with water from the spigot. As the water rises in the chamber, he and Max will float on the wooden bed and escape through the open trapdoor.
HOW TO DRAW an early bird
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Today's terrific artist is Ada, age 10
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Which one of the following reptiles has no teeth?
a) Snake
b) Lizard
c) Turtle
d) Alligator
Answer -- c)
Spot six differences between these panels.
Answer -- Snake's tongue, mountain, hair, monkey's tail, tree and mouse.
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